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NATIONALIST ADVANCE

Heavy Red Losses
Reported

PRISONERS TELL OF
RUSSIAN BRUTALITY

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Salamanca, To-day.
The Nationalist forces continued their advance in the Boadilla del Monte sector, to the west of Madrid, yesterday. Counter-attacks by the Reds were repulsed with heavy losses to the latter.

In their precipitated retreat, the Red troops left behind 82 dead and 150 wounded as well as three tanks, two armoured cars, 28 machine-guns and numerous rifles.

The majority of dead, as the investigation of their identification papers showed, were Soviet Russians and French volunteers.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS

The Nationalists also captured 100 prisoners during the action. The latter confirmed the fact that nearly all the higher posts of the command on the Madrid front are held by 500 Soviet Russian officers who are fighting with the Red forces.

The prisoners also complained that the Soviet Russian officers were driving the Red militiamen to the front with the greatest brutality, threatening those with death who refused to obey their orders.

Planes And Artillery In Action

The Red positions in the Tetuan, Quero Caminos and Valle Hermoso quarters were attacked by a squadron of 60 Nationalist pursuit and bombing planes, while the Nationalist artillery shelled the Red entrenchments, the location of which had been signalled to them by Nationalist scouting planes.

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ITALIAN ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

Friendly Greeting
From Natives

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.
The occupation of the remaining sections of Western Abyssinia by Italian troops is making good progress. According to the latest report, a detachment has reached Gambela, which lies near the Sudan frontier and is an important centre of trade for Western Abyssinia and the Sudan.

The population, who had heard of the approach of the Italian troops, hoisted the Italian flag to greet them in a friendly manner, and the landing field was cleared by the natives for an Italian squadron of seven planes. — Trans-Ocean Service.

LEAGUE COUNCIL SESSION

Nineteen Points On
Agenda

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.
Among the 19 points on the agenda of the 26th Session of the League Council, which has been convened for January 18, 1937, the dispute between Poland and Danzig, the Sandjak question, the formal reopening of the Locarno Pact negotiations, and, above all, the problem of raw materials will be discussed.

It is believed, however, that the question of raw materials will have to be referred to the Committee. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NON-INTERVENTION IN SPAIN

POSITION OUTLINED
BY MR. EDEN

REDUCING THE RISKS OF A
EUROPEAN WAR

London, To-day.

The subject of non-intervention in Spain was raised in the House of Commons debate on foreign affairs yesterday, and in replying to a question in this connection, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, admitted that non-intervention had not realised expectations but asked whether that was sufficient cause for denouncing non-intervention — a result which would bring more arms into Spain without control.

Mr. Eden said he believed that would bring the risks of a European war nearer. The alternative was an active measure of intervention by this country in war, and nobody advocated that.

Non-intervention, despite its admitted shortcomings and blatant breaches, had on the whole reduced the risks of a European war. Nevertheless, the situation was profoundly unsatisfactory and they were searching for some means of improving the non-intervention agreement, and obviously the best method of doing so would be by some method of control.

PERPETUAL PEACE FABLE

Italy's Disbelief Voiced
By Mussolini

Rome, To-day.

Italy's disbelief in the fable of perpetual peace was voiced by Signor Mussolini in a speech at Littoria, one of the new townships in the reclaimed Pontine marshes on the occasion of the inauguration of the new public works.

Il Duce declared that all their African accounts had been settled but others still remained. He firmly believed, however, that these could be regulated in the ordinary way. "We Italians deny the fable of perpetual peace," he said, though they desire the longest possible period of peace. — Reuter.

HIS MAJESTY ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET

London, To-day.

It was announced last night that His Majesty King George VI has assumed the rank of Admiral of the Fleet in His Majesty's Fleet, to date from December 11, 1936, the date of his accession to the throne. The King's assumption of Colonelcy-in-Chief of the Royal Marines, of the rank of Field Marshal and of that of Marshal of the Royal Air Force, take effect from December 11, are also gazetted. — British Wireless Service.

FIRST PRIVY COUNCIL

His Majesty the King held his first Privy Council at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning. It is understood that the King approved the proclamation of the Coronation, which is to be read in London to-day. — British Wireless Service.

German Colonial Problem

Berlin, To-day.—Attention is given to Dr. Hugo Schacht's article in the American magazine *Foreign Affairs*, in which he supports Germany's drive for colonies. It is suggested that Dr. Schacht had a high degree of inspiration for his article.

A German news agency states that for the first time two fundamental conditions have been stated which represent Germany's minimum colonial demands, namely that Germany must be in a position to produce raw materials in territory under her administration, and that German currency must circulate in such territory.

Dr. Schacht asserted that the other questions concerning the outward expression of sovereignty could be the subject of discussion. The German colonial problem is not imperialistic, nor is it a question of prestige but solely one of economic existence. — Reuter.

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At the Democratic National Headquarters in New York City, James A. Farley, Napoleon of the United States Democratic Party and campaign manager of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is here shown with workers as they tabulated the votes their idol received in a landslide which swept President Roosevelt back into office last month.

FRENCH DEFICIT OF £45,000,000

Impossible To Increase
Taxation

60 PER CENT. OF BUDGET
TAKEN UP WITH PUBLIC
DEBT AND DEFENCE

Paris, To-day.

After an all-night sitting, the Chamber, by 499 votes to 107, adopted the Budget providing for a deficit of about £45,000,000.

Expenditure is estimated to be £482,574,000 and revenue at £436,853,000.

The Finance Minister, M. Auriol, stated that 60 per cent. of the Budget is taken up by the public debt and the national defence scheme and that it is impossible to increase taxation. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

POLICE CRITICISED

The financial policy of the Blum Government was severely criticised during the debate by the former Ministers of Finance, M. Pietri and M. Renaud. The latter pointed out that the further devaluation of the franc, towards which France was driven by a mistaken financial policy, would have extremely serious consequences and he implored the Government not to listen to the advice of certain irresponsible quarters outside Parliament.

M. Renaud added that, although normally the deficit could be easily covered by a loan, the financial policy of the Government had made it doubtful whether a loan operation would be successful since public confidence was lacking. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FRENCH PEASANT LEADER ARRESTED

Alleged Attempt To
Start Strike

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The French peasant leader, Dorgeres, was arrested on Thursday night for his activities in inciting the French market gardeners to strike again yesterday morning, following the hearing of the case in which he and his secretary were accused of having attempted to "bring about an unlimited increase in prices" and having "incited the crowds to demonstrate."

Although the strike has not yet taken effect, and no reports of any violence have been made, it is understood that carts en route to Paris from the suburbs have been stopped by the striking peasants. — Trans-Ocean Service.

DROP IN TEMPERATURE

There has been quite a drop in the temperature in the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. this morning. We are informed by the Royal Observatory that the reading at 9 a.m. yesterday morning was 70.8, while at 9 a.m. this morning, 62.4 degrees was registered. The lowest recording in the last 24 hours was 61.1 at 2 a.m. The coldest day this year was on March 5, when 42.2 was recorded.

INDIAN COLLIERY DISASTER

European Manager
Believed Killed

150 REPORTED DEAD AS
RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Cakutta, To-day.

The European manager and 150 miners are believed to be dead as the result of an underground explosion in a colliery near Asansol, on the East Indian Railway route in Bengal.

It is understood that the colliery is not a fire and efforts are being made to recover the bodies. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHIANG'S MESSAGE TO NANKING

EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN
CAPITAL TO-DAY

PRINCE TEH SHOWS CO-OPERATION

Nanking, To-day.

"As far as I know I shall return to Nanking on Saturday," says Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in an autographed letter to General Ho Ying-ching, ordering a cessation of hostilities against the rebels.

The Government forces have accordingly suspended military operations until 6 p.m. to-day. The Generalissimo's letter was dated December 16.

Prince Teh, one of the leaders of the Mongol invasion in Suiyuan, has announced a cessation of operations in order to enable Nanking to deal with the Shensi revolt. — Reuter.

Canton: It is officially reported that the Central troops in the four provinces of Hupei, Hunan, Kiangsi and Kwangtung have received instructions from General Ho Ying-ching, the Minister of War, to assemble at Hankow within three days. It is stated that the combined strength of these forces is 100,000 and that they have been instructed that they are reserve troops to the 150,000 now surrounding Shensi Province.

A message from Sian states that Madame Chang Hsueh-liang, who is now in England, has cabled to her husband to advise him to cancel the present revolt and to release Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at once. Hence, on Thursday, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the revolting general, sent his secretary, Mr. Li Kim-chou, by air to Taiyuan, the capital of Shansi Province, urging Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Pacification Commissioner of Shansi, and Suiyuan, to act as mediator in the Shensi situation.

The Young Marshal has assured Marshal Yen regarding the safety of the Generalissimo, and the latter sent his two lieutenants, Generals Chao Tai-men and Chui Yung-chang, with Mr. Li Kim-chou to Sian yesterday to see the Generalissimo and to negotiate terms with the Young Marshal so as to send them to the Central Government for consideration. — From Our Own Correspondent.

BOTH HOUSES ADJOURN FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

London, To-day.—The House of Commons has adjourned for the Christmas holidays until January 19, subject to any recall in case of necessity. The House of Lords has similarly adjourned until January 26. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ROYAL WEDDING

Hotel Accommodation
At A Premium

The Hague, To-day.

Enormous stands are being erected at every corner to accommodate the crowds for Princess Juliana's wedding on January 7. Hotel accommodation is at a premium, whole floors at the chief hotels having been reserved by the Court for distinguished foreign visitors.

The wedding ceremonies will be broadcast by Dutch stations from 9.40 a.m. G.M.T. and the British Broadcasting Corporation will relay the wedding service to England with an English commentary. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Capt. David Murray Larmour, R.A.O.C., and Miss Jean Andrea Jaffrey, of Greenford, Weedon Road, Northampton, en route to the Colony by the a.s. Rawalpindi.

JAPAN AGREES

Retention Of Oyer-Age
Cruisers

London, To-day.

A message from Tokyo states that Naval circles are of the opinion that the Japanese Government is favourably disposed towards the British proposal to retain five over-age cruisers by invoking the Escalator Clause of the London Naval Treaty.

It is understood that a reply to that effect will be sent to the British Government. — Reuter.

AMERICAN NAVAL DECISION

Sequel To British
Announcement

Washington, To-day.

The Navy Department has announced the retention of 59,000 tons of destroyers in excess of Treaty limits. The retention of 40,000 tons was announced previously and the additional 19,000 tons matches the cruiser tonnage which the British Government announced will not be scrapped. — Reuter.

REPUDIATION OF WAR

Buenos Aires, To-day.—A resolution repudiating war as an instrument for the settlement of conflicts was passed unanimously by the Pan American Conference yesterday. — Reuter.



Marcelino Domingo, former Spanish Minister of Education and president of Spain's Leftist Republican party, is here shown as he addressed an audience from which he collected \$20,000 in Madison Square Garden, New York, last month. He spoke in Spanish, Isabelle Palencia, shown with him, translated his address into English.



Sporting Page



CLUB'S SENSATIONAL CHANGES IN GAME AGAINST SAINTS

WHITLOCK MAKES A STRONG APPEAL MORE INTERNATIONAL WALKS WANTED ROAD-WALKING ASSOC. DINNER

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, November 24.

H. H. WHITLOCK, the Olympic walking champion, made a great appeal for more international walks at the annual supper of the Road Walking Association (Southern Committee) last night. Whitlock was a guest of honour with T. W. Richardson, the new 100 miles world record holder.

In making his appeal Whitlock pointed out that walking was spreading enormously in Europe, and all the countries were anxious to do battle with our walkers. "It would be a good thing if we could arrange at least track walks," Whitlock added, "even if they were over only a mile."

Whitlock is firmly of the opinion that one judge is quite sufficient in all road walks. "If one judge has not the courage of his own convictions and is not prepared to make up his own mind when a walker is breaking the rules, then that judge should take himself off the list," was the terse way Whitlock put it.



Miss Phyllis Gittins, above, will lead the St. Andrew's Ladies to-day in their vital Caer Clark Cup encounter against the "Y" Ladies at King's Park.

CAER CLARK CUP CLASSIC

"Y" Ladies Should Beat Saints

LEAGUE WILL HINGE ON THE RESULT

(By "ADREM")

There are two matches down for decision in the Caer Clark Cup Tournament this afternoon—Hong Kong Ladies meet Récroio Ladies, and the "Y" Ladies will encounter St. Andrew's Ladies.

The big game will be the encounter between the "Y" Ladies and St. Andrew's, which should be a very open affair. It will be recalled that in their first meeting, at the beginning of the season, a draw resulted.

The chief asset of the "Y" is their forward line, whereas St. Andrew's have a very powerful defence, with such stalwarts as Miss Jessie Wong and Miss L. Jorgie in the intermediate line. Miss Gertie White, at back, and Mrs. Rose, in goal. The "Y" forward line, on paper, is almost good enough to represent the Colony, in its entirety.

"Y" Favoured

It seems then, that this game will develop into a battle between the "Y" attack and the Saints' defence. The St. Andrew's team has been most inconsistent recently, however, and so it is quite likely that the "Y" will win. The result of this game will probably determine the potential champions.

Récroio Ladies, in their last two games, have shown a marked improvement and appear to have settled down to a combination liable to upset some of the strongest teams in the League. It is, nevertheless, unlikely that they will beat Hong Kong to-day as they will be up against the most powerful team the latter can field.

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The gathering was a very representative one of both track and road walkers. At least six present or past world record holders were present, while another very famous figure in the sport, T. E. Hammond, was unable to attend at the last minute.

Richardson's Thanks

T. W. Richardson, the newest of the record holders, in a very amusing speech, referred to the help he had received from other walkers, and especially from Whitlock and Tommy Green, the 1932 Olympic champion, both of whom had helped him with hints on training and diet for long distance walking.

XMAS MEETING AT FANLING

Entries And Handicaps For Boxing Day

The following is the programme, entries and handicaps for the Christmas Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, which will be held at Kwantia on Saturday, December 26, commencing at 2.30 p.m.:

1.—"The Canberra Handicap"—A Steeplechase of 1½ miles for Australian Ponies. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.
Belinda (155), Brutus (150), Dancing (150), Lucy Glitters (154), Streamline (152), The Giraffe (160) and Trojan (150).
2.—"The Shing Mun Plate"—A Hurdle Race of 1½ miles for China Ponies. Winner of a hurdle race or steeplechase at Kwantia last season barred. Catchweight 160 lbs. Winner a cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.
Belmont Star, Darien, Glenshee, Gold Currency, High West, King's Parade, Punch, Racing Pluck, Racing Strain, Stickypast and Winchester Stag.

3.—"The Tai Po Handicap"—A Steeplechase of 1½ miles for China Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.
Estover (168), Dee (160), Jock Scott (165) and Wigan (168).
4.—"The December Country Cup"—Over a country course of approximately 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Weight 165 lbs. Winners of a Country Race last season 10 lbs. extra. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry fee \$2.
Note:—Owing to the large number of entries received for the December Country Cup, the Stewards have decided to run the race in two divisions, which have been drawn as follows:

DIVISION ONE
Dargoon (165), Glenshee (175), Happy Hts (165), High West (165), Jack-O'-Lantern (175), Mortmain (165), Nebular Star (165), The Minx (165) and Wensley Stag (165).
5.—DIVISION TWO
Darien (165), Ebony Idol (175), Festival Era (175), Ike (165), Lancashire Loom (165), Letitia (165), Stickypast (165), That's That (165)



Three of the finest hockey players from any one Regiment in the Colony left for India to-day by the a.s. Santhia, which carried away the 1st Battalion, 8th Punjab Regiment. Lal Singh (extreme left) is the finest left-winger we have had in the Colony and has three Interport "caps" to his credit, while Alif Din (centre) possesses the same distinction, as left-half. Dulla Singh, veteran pivot and Interport left-half against Macau two years ago, completes the trio.

Rapier's Selections For To-day

Race No. 1
BRIGHT VIEW
TYNE
KING'S JUSTICE
Outsider—King's Sceptre

Race No. 2
STRATHROY
ELECTRON
AUSTRALIAN BOY
Outsider—Ranger

Race No. 3
NEW STAR
SOLDIER OF CHINA
VALOROUS
Outsider—The Tiger

Race No. 4
BEAR CLAW
KING'S WARDEN
DIANA BAY
Outsider—Herod

Race No. 5
DOUBLE FINESSE
RACING HEART
HOLIDAY EVE
Outsider—Saucy Face

Race No. 6
ROSE EVELYN
WILD CAT
GOLD SOVEREIGN
Outsider—Stopwatch

Race No. 7
LAUGHING BUDDHA
PRIDE OF TSINGTAO
DIOGENES
Outsider—Don

Race No. 8
CASSIUS
KING'S PARADE
POPULAR STAE
Outsider—Hopscotch
DAILY DOUBLE:
DOUBLE FINESSE AND
LAUGHING BUDDHA

THREE TENNIS FINALS

Ladies' Doubles Title At The U.S.R.C.

G. E. R. DWYETT TO MEET A. L. SULLIVAN

(By "ADREM")

The Ladies' Doubles Championship of the Colony will be decided this afternoon at the United Services Recreation Club, when Miss R. Perry and Mrs. Chin Chun-chin will be opposed to Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Litton, who defeated Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Whitlam in the semi-final last Thursday.

There appears to be very little to choose between the two combinations. Mrs. Ashton has been showing such extraordinarily good form in her Open mixed doubles matches, that I am inclined to favour Mrs. Litton and herself to win. Whatever the result, a good match should ensue.

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and The Roundhead (165).
6.—"The Ladies' Scoury"—A flat race of ¼ mile for China Ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners of any race since 1st January, 1936, barred. To be ridden by ladies. Catchweight 145 lbs. Winner a Cup, 2nd and 3rd silver souvenirs. No Entry Fee. Starters to be declared by 4 p.m. on the day of the Race.

RUGBY CLASSIC TO-DAY

Club Meet Navy For Second Time

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT SERIES CONTINUED

Conditions should just about be ideal this afternoon for the return Triangular Tournament Rugby encounter between the Club and the Navy, which will be held on the former's ground at Happy Valley, commencing at 4 p.m.

In the first encounter the Club beat the Navy by 19 points to 6, the outstanding features of which were the two good tries by Munro, who displaced Chadwick in the left-wing three-quarter position, and the unfortunate injury sustained by Lient. Lane, who pulled a thigh muscle in bringing off a brilliant flying tackle against Grieve. In the second half of this game the Navy played with only 14 men, and yet managed to enjoy more of the exchanges than the Club.

Last Saturday the Navy achieved a brilliant triumph when they beat the Army by 11 clear points on the latter's ground at Sookm-poo. The Navy backs were then in fine fettle, but I do not expect them to have everything their own way to-day against such fine defensive players as Bidwell and Grieve.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament encounter, the Club "A" fifteen will meet an Army side at 2.45 p.m.

Mr. D. W. MacEwen will officiate as Referee in the big game, and Dr. J. A. R. Selby will control the junior encounter.

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LAI WAH CUP REPLAY FOR TO-MORROW

Canton Players Not Available

ARMY MAKING ONLY TWO CHANGES

The long awaited Semi-Final replay in the Lai Wah Cup competition between the Army and the Combined Chinese will take place to-morrow afternoon at Causeway Bay, where one of the best representative games of the season should be seen.

The Army are making only two changes from the team which played on the first occasion and which were very nearly surprised. Stevens, of the Rifles, will be playing in place of Steele, at left-back, while Howlett, the Engineers' centre-forward, will lead the attack in place of Ferguson.

Ridings, who was badly injured in the first game, and who has not played much football since then, will make his reappearance on the left-wing, where he will support Tibbot, the Interport inside-left.

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"ROVER'S" FORECAST

The following is Rover's forecast for the week-end:—

To-day

FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v SOUTH CHINA "B"
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Fusiliers v RIFLES
(Sookm-poo, 4 p.m.)
St. Joseph's v CLUB
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)

SOUTH CHINA "A" v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Police v ATHLETIC
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

RECREIO v Kowloon Chinese
(King's Park, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Eastern v SOUTH CHINA
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)

Club v FUSILIERS
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

RIFLES v Kowloon
(Sookm-poo, 2.30 p.m.)

East Lancs. v NAVY
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)

K. Chinese v STONE CUTTERS
(King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)

CHINESE POLICE v Athletic
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
EAST LANCES v Ordnance
(Chatham, 2.30 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v KWONG WAH
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Air Force v EUROPEAN POLICE
(Military, H.V., 2.30 p.m.)

Kumam Rifles v RECREIO
(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)

FUSILIERS v Liga
(Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)

SERVICE CORPS v Medicals
(Happy Valley, 4.00 p.m.)

TO-MORROW
LAI-WAH CUP COMPETITION
SEMI-FINAL REPLAY
ARMY v COMBINED CHINESE
(Causeway Bay, 3.15 p.m.)

TO-DAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES

Only Friendly Games

(By "L.B.W.")

For another week, the cricket programme will be confined to friendly matches, though some of the games that have been arranged for to-day, ought to be none the less interesting, stripped as they may be of the "official nature."

The best game on the programme is undoubtedly that between Kowloon and the Army at King's Park. When these teams met in their League encounter some weeks ago, the result was a draw, but I doubt very much whether the visitors will be able to manage that to-day, as the K.C.C. are playing at the top of their form at the moment and are well-nigh unbeatable.

The Navy and the H.K.C.C. will be visiting Civil Service and Cranmerow Cricket Club respectively, and in both instances the visiting teams are expected to win. The full programme for to-day is as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION
C.S.C.C. v Royal Navy
K.C.C. v Army
C.C.C. v H.K.C.C.
SECOND DIVISION
C.C.C. v C.C.C.
H.K.C.C. v I.R.C.
Recreio v C.S.C.C.

S. STRANGE--PIVOT: ELLIOTT AS BACK

BLISS STRENGTHENS KOWLOON DEFENCE

S. CHINA "A" FIELDING BEST

(By "ROVER")

TO-DAY'S League football programme will be featured by six First Division encounters, the largest number of senior fixtures on any one day this season to date, and one likely to provide thrills galore in view of the large number of team changes, particularly among the Civilian clubs.

Probably the best game of the day will be the first clash between the League champions, South China "A" and Kowloon at Caroline Hill. The Chinese will be fielding the same team which so decisively defeated the Rifles last Sunday in the Senior Shield, but Kowloon will be making several changes, and Bliss' return to the pivotal position will be the feature of the game.

Archer, the Tientsin Interport player from the Worcesters, will probably be seen at inside-left in support of Fraggott, while it is quite possible that Harcourt, who played in the pivotal position for them last week, will be dropped. Bliss is a useful man in view of his fine spoiling and distribution, and a rare encounter is looked forward to.

The Club will meet St. Joseph's at the Valley and this game is featured by several sensational changes by the former team. Syd Strange will be seen at centre-half, while Elliott, who is really a full-back, though he has not filled such a position for some seasons, will take Strange's place in support of Hill.

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ENGLAND 279 FOR 3

Hammond & Leyland Add 129 Runs

Sydney, To-day.

A third wicket stand of 129 runs by Hammond and Leyland, was largely responsible for England finishing up the first day's play in the second Test against Australia with 279 for 3.

Scores:—
ENGLAND
Barnett, 5; Ward, 57; Fagg, 5; Sievers, 11; McCormick, 11; Hammond, not out, 147; Leyland, 129; McCabe, 42; Ames, not out, 8.
Extras, 14.
Total (for 3 wickets) 279.
Fall of the wickets: 1 (Fagg) for 27; 2 (Barnett) for 118; 3 (Leyland) for 247.

G. O. Allen (Captain), Fishlock, Hammond, R. W. V. Robins, Sims, Verity and Voce to bat.
Twelfth man—Hardstaff.
Australia: Don Bradman (Capt.), S. J. McCabe, C. L. Badcock, W. O'Brien, J. H. Fingleton, A. G. Chipperfield, M. W. Sievers, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, E. L. McCormick and F. A. Ward.
Twelfth man—R. Robinson. —Reuter.

HOCKEY ASSOC. MEETING

Waseda Varsity Team's Visit

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will be held at 5.30 p.m. next Tuesday, probably in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, to draw up a programme for the visit of the hockey team of the Waseda University, Tokyo, which will probably visit the Colony from January 3 to January 15.

In view of the short time available before the visitors arrive, no individual notices are being sent out to members of the Association, all of whom are cordially invited to be present.

The agenda of the meeting will include the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting; correspondence; to consider the application for affiliation



Major R. A. Bates, above, has done much to improve the standard of hockey in the Colony and was one of the original members of the Hong Kong Hockey Association and the first military (Army) representative on the Association's Council. He left for India to-day by the a.s. Santhia with his regiment.

NAVY BADLY WEAKENED IN JUNIOR LEAGUE

Stonecutters Will Be Extended

KWONG WAH NOW IN WINNING MOOD

For the first time this season there is a full programme of Second and Third Division games, and several interesting encounters should be witnessed, outstanding among which are the meeting of the East Lancs. and the Navy, in the Second Division, and the clash between the Fusiliers and Liga, in the Third Division.

The East Lancs should be able to account for the Navy as they will have the advantage of playing the same team, while the Navy will be fielding several new players, H.M.S. Bruce having left for England with Cannell, Bowers and Baxter.

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FULHAM TRANSFER CENTRE-FORWARD

London, November 25.—Fulham to-day transferred Perry, their centre-forward, to Doncaster Rovers. Perry joined Fulham from the disbanded Thames F.C. six years ago. He had previously been with Bournemouth. In about 70 first-team games with Fulham he has scored 37 goals.

of the Nomads' Hockey Club, and to draw up a programme for the visit of the Waseda University team.



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NAVY BADLY WEAKENED IN JUNIOR LEAGUE

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The Rifles encounter Kowloon and in spite of the indifferent showing by the latter team recently they should be able to give the soldiers a good run. Boyes, in goal, and Mackenzie, in the defence, have been showing consistent form of late, while in the forward line, Betts and Knox are their outstanding players. The latter, who plays on the right-wing, should be given more of the ball as he is a fast and dangerous forward.

Well-Balanced

The Rifles are a well-balanced team. Boyd, at centre-forward, Wilson and Goodney, the inside-forwards are all dangerous in front of goal, while in the defence Wilson and McCoullough are sound defenders.

Stonewallers are, at last, after many reverses, tasting the fruits of victory and though they have shown very much improved form recently, they will be severely tested when they clash with the Kowloon Chinese. The Gunners now have a useful forward line with Smith, Baylor, Sumner and Halliday in good form, and it is in this department that their strength lies. In the defence Hall is a safe goalkeeper.

The only Police team remaining in the Junior Shield, the Chinese Police, encounter Eastern and as these two teams met last week there is little doubt regarding a win for the former. Li Lap-ye, Kong-hing and Lai Wai-lam are their most prominent players, while Leung Po-yuen, Hamet and Lee are Eastern's best men.

Another Good Clash

In the Third Division, Liga are fielding their best side against the Fusiliers as the result of this game will have an important bearing on the championship. The Fusiliers have an unbeaten record, while Liga have only lost three points to date.

Their nippy forwards, among whom the Santos brothers, and Souza are the best, will give the soldiers' defence some anxious moments.

In view of the improvement dis-

CLEAN SWEEP FOR RECREIO

Plucky Resistance
From St. John's

Although they were beaten by nine games to nil in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, St. John's Club gave a very plucky display at the Cathedral Hall last night, when they entertained Club de Recreio "A".

David Kwok and Miss Peggy MacCaw were outstanding for the losers, being the only pair to aggregate double figures in all three games played. Roland Koh also gave a creditable account of himself in the rear court. Mrs. Blair took the place of Mrs. Beattie, and partnered the Rev. A. J. Bennett, who was slow in covering the rear court.

The result of the match was as follows:

Roland Koh and Miss M. Smith (St. John's)	
lost to M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva	6-21
lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss C. Silva	6-21
lost to L. A. Carvalho and Miss Olga Ribeiro	10-21
David Kwok and Miss P. MacCaw (St. John's)	
lost to Oliveira and Silva	11-21
lost to Remedios and Silva	10-21
lost to Carvalho and Ribeiro	14-21
A. J. Bennett and Mrs. Blair (St. John's)	
lost to Oliveira and Silva	7-21
lost to Remedios and Silva	5-21
lost to Carvalho and Ribeiro	4-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Recreio "A"	5	5	0	42	3	10
C. R. C.	2	2	0	15	3	4
Free Lancers	2	2	1	19	8	4
Recreio "B"	3	1	2	8	19	2
Kowloon Tong	4	1	3	10	26	2
St. John's	5	0	5	5	48	0

played by Kwong Wah the return to form of Rocha, Lan King-hui and Leung Ping-fan, they should easily account for St. Joseph's in the Third Division. But will be keeping goal in place of T. E. Souza, who has been transferred to Recreio, while Arnall will make a return to his old position at left-back.

DUTCH FOOTBALL ON UPWARD TREND

AMAZING SUCCESSES BUT NO TRAINING

WOULD LIKE TO MEET ENGLAND

(By "THE TWELFTH MAN")

London, November 24.

IN view of the successes of Dutch footballers it is amazing to hear that they are not a bit keen on training. This is what Len Graham, the old Millwall player who now coaches the H.B.S. club at the Hague, says in a long and interesting letter to me from Holland.

All the players there are amateurs, and while there are many footballers of real ability, Graham says that it is left to their own enthusiasm to decide whether they will turn out for training. Some are keen, but most of them lack a good knowledge of positional play and willingness to give of their best.

Graham's duties include coaching in the afternoons, indoor training on Tuesday evenings, and training by floodlight on Thursdays. The clubs provide everything for the players, but he thinks they should go a step further and make training compulsory. As it is, he has never more than a dozen for the evening training.

F. J. PERRY THANKED FOR SERVICES

Sir Samuel Hoare President
At Lawn Tennis Meeting

London, December 11.—The departure of Fred Perry from the amateur ranks was regretted by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, in an address today at the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association.

Sir Samuel thanked Perry for his services to British tennis. He recalled that he held the unbroken record of having won the Wimbledon championship three times and the American championship three times, and of having been the principal British representative in the winning Davis Cup team for three successive years.

LAI WAH CUP REPLAY FOR TO-MORROW

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No Canton Players

The Chinese will be without the services of their Canton players, who are unable to remain here over the week-end for the game, but who will, nevertheless, be represented by a strong side.

Tay Quee-liang, the South China "A" left-winger, will figure at left-back, where he will be partnered by Leung In-chun, an experienced player from the "B" team.

Lam Tak-po has been preferred to Wong Mei-shun, as the pivot, while Leung Kwok-wah, of Eastern, makes his first appearance in a big game as a left-half.

Young Players

The Chinese forward line are composed for the most part of young players who will rely on their speed to break through the military defence. Chan Tak-fai, hero of the first encounter, will lead the attack and will be supported by Lai Shui-wing and Chow Man-chi, at inside-right and left respectively, while Tao Kwai-shing will be on the right-wing and Cheong Moon-wing, of the Athletic, on the left-wing.

The following are the teams:
Chinese—Pau Ka-ping; Leung In-chun and Tay Quee-liang; Leung Wing-chin, Lam Tak-po and Leung Kwok-wah; Tao Kwai-shing, Lai Shui-wing, Chan Tak-fai, Chow Man-chi and Cheong Moon-wing.

Army—Rowlands (R.W.F.); Swain (East Lancs) and Stevens (R.U.F.); Evans (R.W.F.); Campbell (R.U.F.); and Taylor (R.W.F.); Erwin (R.U.F.); Sandford (East Lancs); Howlett (Engineers); Talbot (R.W.F.) and Ridings (East Lancs).
Reserves—Connor (R.U.F.); Pickering (R.U.F.) and Keating (R.W.F.); Wanklyn (R.W.F.); Crowthers (East Lancs) and Miller (R.U.F.) Smith (East Lancs); Duffield (R.A.O.C.); Ferguson (R.U.F.); Knight (Lyman) and Hughes (R.W.F.).
Trainers—L/Cpl. Powis (R.W.F.).

TWENTY GOALS WITH NO REPLY

Shanghai, December 13.—The most impressive result of the Women's League Hockey matches played yesterday was the 20-0 victory of the Junior Athletic Club "A" over the German "B" at the Race Course. The winners got into a scoring mood and never gave their opponents a chance as they scored one goal after another in rapid succession.



Fred Perry, above, was recently thanked by Sir Samuel Hoare, President of the English Lawn Tennis Association, for his services to the game and to British tennis.

THREE TENNIS FINALS

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A. L. Sullivan, having disposed of Capt. J. D. Milne, by scores of 6-0, 6-4, will meet G. E. R. Divett in the final of the Club tournament.

Sullivan Should Win

I have not seen Divett play for some time but, judging from the fact that he has reached the final, I gather he has made considerable strides in the game. On the other hand, Sullivan's game has rather deteriorated, but his vast experience of the game should see him through.

Another very interesting match down for decision to-day is that between Mrs. Wilson and Miss Griffiths. The latter has met with a great deal of success in club tournaments recently, but her usual defensive tactics are hardly likely to seriously inconvenience the aggressive Mrs. Wilson.

S. STRANGE-PIVOT: ELLIOTT AS BACK

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This naturally leaves a vacancy in the Club attack which will be filled by Pearce, a good man with a powerful shot off either foot. In the absence of Drown, who is still on the injured list, Forrow will be in the right-half position, with E. Strange on the opposite flank.

Only Weakness

This makes a fairly powerful intermediate line with the only apparent weakness in the centre, where I do not think Syd Strange will have the stamina to last against the tricky and fast Saints' inside forwards.

The Saints are also making several changes, what with Jimmy Elms on the semi-permanent crick list and Ward being injured. In this connection it is interesting to note that U. B. Souza, their reserve-goatkeeper, has been transferred to Recreio.

Hagen, a newcomer, will be seen at inside-right for the Saints in Ward's vacancy, while Delgado has been moved back to left-half, to fill Elms' empty berth, while A. M. Omar will be seen at inside-left, having been promoted from the third team.

Odd On Club

In spite of these changes, however, the teams are fairly well-balanced with the odds favouring the Club team.

South China "B" will meet Eastern in a very interesting clash at Causeway Bay, where they are making one change from their usual line-up, Henry Yeung, their left-half, appearing at inside-right, while Ng Po-kui is being rested. This will in no way weaken their attack and they should retain their unbeaten record. Eastern will be represented by the same team as usual.

In the three remaining senior matches, the Rifles should triumph over the Fusiliers, who are probably the most inconsistent team in the League, while the Athletic and Recreio should win their games.

Tich Freeman May Take Up Coaching Appointment

London, November 23.—Tich Freeman, the famous Kent slow bowler, whose connection with Kent has been terminated by the county committee, has made no definite plans for his future. "I really do not know what I shall do next summer," he said today. "It is quite true that no club in the Lancashire League have ap-

proached me, but clubs in other leagues have. I have also been invited to take up a coaching appointment at one of the schools. I might do a bit of coaching. I never felt fitter in my life. The arm I injured last season is now quite all right again. You can take it from me that as yet I have made no arrangements whatever with anybody."

DAVIS CUP PROBLEM FOR ENGLAND

H.G.N. LEE BEATS WILDE, BUT NOT AVAILABLE

HARE'S BACKHAND WEAKNESS

(By "The Twelfth Man")

London, November 24.

THE victory of H. G. N. Lee over F. H. D. Wilde in the final of the Torquay Covered Courts Lawn Tennis tournament, coming at a time when Wilde seemed to have made himself a probable for the vacant singles place in the British Davis Cup team, has certainly complicated things for the International Selection Committee of the L.T.A.

This revelation of Wilde's weaknesses as a singles player might not have been such a bad thing if Lee was still a candidate for the National team. I happen to know, however, that Lee has no intention of going back on the decision he made last year not to play any more Davis Cup tennis, owing to the claims of business.

Nor has the work of the selectors been made any easier through the arrested development of Charles Hare, whose backhand weakness still shows little sign of improving.

Frank Wilde, in any case, has never been too enthusiastic about singles, feeling that the doubles game is more his forte. It is possible, therefore, that Pat Hughes, the doubles champion, ranked third on the new L.T.A. list, may have to be considered for the vacancy. But for years Hughes has been our standby in doubles for the Cup.

Call To Selectors

There are still eight months before the team to defend the Cup has to be chosen. All sorts of things may happen during that time.

It certainly seems, however, that the Committee should get down to preliminaries as soon as possible, as I suggested recently. If they are not worrying about the composition of the team, the followers of the game, who in the end foot the bill, certainly are.

FRANK WARD NOT FOR ENGLAND

Turns Down Offer From
Sir Julien Cahn

Adelaide, November 23.—Frank Ward, the young South Australian cricketer, who was to have gone to England to play for Sir Julien Cahn's team, announced yesterday that he would not be going after all.

Ward is considered to be an almost certain first choice against England during the present tour. Many critics think him superior to Grimmett.

PETER KANE IS ANOTHER JIMMY WILDE

Young Flyweight
Beats Frenchman

18-YEAR-OLD BOXER OF
GOOD PROMISE

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, November 24.—Peter Kane, the young Liverpool fly-weight, whose recent triumphs caused him to be hailed as a second Jimmy Wilde, defeated Eugene Huat, of France, in the National Sporting Club programme at the Empress Stadium, Earl's Court, last night. The referee, Mr. Kendrick, stopped the fight in the seventh round.

Huat, a boxer who has met many champions in his time, was rather disappointing in his slowness and lack of fire, but his craft and experience presented a problem for the aggressive Liverpool youngster.

Kane did not look as good as he has done in other fights because of the crouch and persistent guard which Huat adopted. But there was never any doubt about the result from the first blow.

Kane's Great Promise

Kane is only 18, and already a boxer of exceptional promise. Every blow he struck last night was a solid, damaging punch. He used the hook a good deal on each hand, but has also a forceful straight left and that rare and powerful blow, a short straight right, which fell on Huat's chin repeatedly.

Huat was down for eight seconds in the sixth round. When the referee stopped the fight some people were disappointed and thought the action was rather premature, but it was clear to those of us at the ring-side that the Frenchman was nearly finished.

The insistent hammering at his jaw and body and sapped his strength. He had taken far more punishment on the jaw than a man can normally stand, and to have continued the fight would have been merely a sacrifice.

OXFORD BLUE AWARDED

The Oxford University Rugby captain has awarded a Blue to H. D. Franks (Rhodes Univ., South Africa) and Magdalen at full-back.

AID FOR COVENTRY CITY

Directors of Coventry City are relieved of financial worries. Sir J. D. Siddle, of Crickley Hall, Kenilworth, has lent the club £20,000. Coventry, who are making a bid to gain promotion to the First Division, will use the money to purchase their ground, complete a new stand and meet outstanding loans.

DEWAR'S

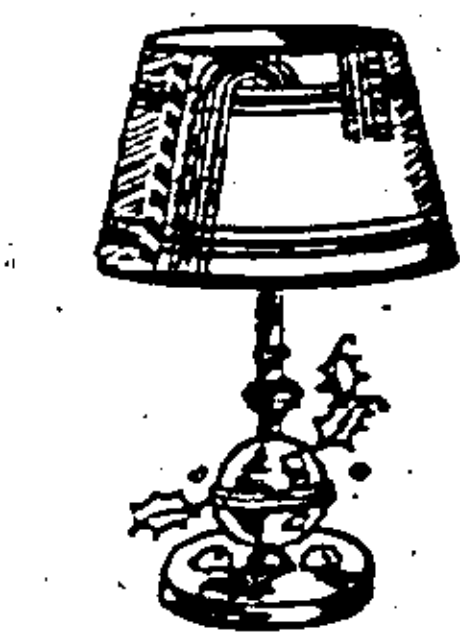
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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Lieut. Terence Butler, R.N., H.M.S. Pandora, and Miss Hermione Williams of Harbour View, Kowloon.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Dec. 19, 1936.

A Romance Of Modern Exploration

Lord Moyne's vivid story of his discovery of pygmies not on the books of science has clearly revealed that the romance of exploration is not yet exhausted. Though the island of New Guinea has long been under civilised administration, though these Aioime pygmies dwell in the territory mandated to Australia, which is being wisely developed and has grown prosperous, their existence was only a rumour, their physique and their manner of life were unknown. Lord Moyne made his way up the river which led to their country, with perilous escapes from its streams, and found their neighbours desperately afraid of the "lik lik men," warning the explorer of their prowess with bow and arrow and stone axe, vanishing at the sight of them.

Except for their filth, there was nothing terrible about the pygmies. They were much more ready to trade than some civilised races nowadays. They were cheerful and dirt had not obscured a sense of humour. Moreover, they were most genuinely pigmy. The men had an average height of some 4ft. 6in., which is indeed taller than the pygmies of Central Africa but shorter than the tribe already registered in Dutch New Guinea. To which of the great families of mankind they belong there is no certainty. They are not negroid, they are much lighter in colour than their neighbours. Lord Moyne reports diverse scientific theories of their origin without pronouncing judgment. The progress of human knowledge is a queer and tortuous course. Three thousand years ago Homer was singing of pygmies who lived in the far south whither the cranes flew. Herodotus told a traveller's tale of them. For ages fables grew about their exploits. Last century found pygmies in Central Africa just where the Greeks and the Egyptians located them. Now we know that they are also scattered over oceanic islands in much variety. How they got there, how they became different, we know no more than the fabulists who invented battles of pygmies and cranes.

Your Daily Smile!

Still Life
The man in the corner of the railway carriage quietly pulled out a notebook and pencil and began to make a sketch of his neighbour opposite.

The "model" flattered by the attention paid him, leaned forward and said:—
"I perceive, sir, that you are an artist."

"Well, no," replied the other. "Not exactly. I make designs for door-knockers."

Rebuked.
Customer (seeking a loan): "Of course, you remember the old saying, 'A friend in need is a friend indeed?'"

Banker: "Yes, stranger."
Lady Goldies is passionately fond of children—she has five of her own—and tells several good stories about them.

One that she tells concerned a little four-year-old boy who had been spanked by his mother for naughty. When saying his prayers at bed-time he said:—
"I hope you noticed YOU wasn't spanked."

PRETTY WEDDING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Local Solicitor Married

MACKINLAY — JEFFERIES

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church yesterday of Miss Sheila Mary Jefferies, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jefferies of the Royal Observatory, and Mr. William Andrew Mackinlay, a member of the well-known firm of solicitors, Messrs. Deacons. It is interesting to note that it was in the same church that the bride's parents were married and where also, the bride was christened.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs officiated at yesterday's ceremony. Appropriate hymns were rendered on the organ by Mr. R. Baldwin and sung by the choir boys.

The bride, who was an Assistant Mistress in the Education Department, was gown in heavy white satin, whilst her long tulle veil was kept in place by an ornate orange-blossom head-dress. She carried white roses.

The two bridesmaids were the Misses Vivian Blackburn and Jill Beavis. They wore green taffeta gowns with matching jackets, set off with gold hats trimmed with tiny eye-veils. Their bouquets were composed of yellow and gold African daisies.

The bride's mother chose a navy and white flowered georgette gown with white accessories. She carried a bouquet of deep red sweet peas.

The duties of best man were undertaken by Mr. F. G. Nigel. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the wedding party and guests adjourned for a reception held at the bride's parents' house at the Royal Observatory. On leaving for the honeymoon, which is to be spent at Baguio, Mrs. Mackinlay wore a soft grey gown and navy blue accessories.

KEROSENE TEST CASE ENDS

Judgment For The Crown

NOMINAL FINE IMPOSED

Junk and small traders dealing with water-borne petroleum were declared to be engaged in illegal operations by virtue of Mr. E. Himsforth's judgment against Lai Yu at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday morning in what has come to be known as the Kerosene Test Case.

The Crown won their case against Lai Yu for possession of dangerous goods, but the main contention of the defence—that the Ordinance did not provide for the issue of licences for water-borne dangerous goods—was stated by His Worship to be outside the province of the Police Court.

He was informed, however, that the Regulations in issue were being revised and because the defendant, who was now guilty of an offence, might not be guilty in a short time, he said he would only impose a nominal fine of \$50.

No Preferential Treatment
The Magistrate added that nothing had arisen in the course of the case to indicate that Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, had exercised his powers against the small traders and to the advantage of the larger concerns, as at first alleged by the defence.

Lai Yu was charged on September 3 with possession of dangerous goods, namely 270 tons of kerosene distillate and 347 tins of either kerosene or kerosene distillate, found on Lighter TIV at Cheungshawan Bay the previous day. Defendant was fined \$150 and the 347 tins were confiscated. Later he was granted a rehearing on the grounds that he had not been legally represented and his offence was a technical one.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for defendant at the rehearing which was also before Mr. Himsforth, and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

time that might be asked a blessing on each member of the family individually, his mother alone being conspicuous by her absence. Then, rising from his devout posture, the little suppliant fixed a keenly-triumphant look upon her face, saying as he turned to climb into bed:—
"I hope you noticed YOU wasn't spanked."

Here There and Everywhere.

WHEN MR. ROOSEVELT IS RESWORN

The re-election of Mr. Roosevelt will raise one problem when the inauguration ceremony takes place on January 20.

Normally the retiring President, who is very often the defeated candidate, drives in the same open carriage or car as the successful candidate from the White House to the Capitol.

There he effaces himself while the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court administers the oath on the Capitol steps, watched by a crowd of 6,000 to 8,000 in the stands on the steps, and by perhaps 40,000 in front of the building.

That he drives with the President-elect at all is due to the fact that he is still President up to the moment when his successor takes the oath.

Governor Landon has no such status, and is, therefore, not entitled to drive with Mr. Roosevelt. The only circumstance in which he would be likely to do so would be if Roosevelt as an act of courtesy asked him to accompany him.

A recent precedent is provided by the case of Calvin Coolidge. As Vice-President he automatically became President on the death of Harding in August, 1923. He was elected President in November, 1924, and was installed the following March.

He was accompanied on his drive by Mrs. Coolidge, General Dawes, the Vice-President, following in a second car with Mrs. Dawes. Presumably, therefore, Mr. Roosevelt will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

A Strange Accident

MR. GRAY was walking on the streets of Sheridan near Pittsburgh, when the breast pocket of his coat exploded in flames. A celluloid fountain pen, a cardcase of the same material and a comb became ignited through friction in the pocket. The fire was taken to the Fire House. He was uninjured.

VATICAN'S OPEN WAR ON REDS

POPE THE PRINCIPAL INSTRUMENT

DRIVE AGAINST THREAT TO SOCIETY

(By Arnaldo Cortesi)

A state of war exists between the Vatican and the Soviet Union.

There has been no declaration of war, and the fight is carried on so silently and unostentatiously that most people are hardly aware of it except when the Pope utters one of his denunciations of communism. But war it is, nevertheless.

Catholicism and communism have always, of course, been poles apart and have never made any secret of the fact that they are irreconcilable enemies. Hitherto, however, the Vatican has limited itself to protesting verbally against actions of the Communist regime, but recently the Vatican has decided to campaign actively against communism and has called on all Catholics to organise against it.

As the Vatican lacks temporal jurisdiction over the peoples it seeks to mobilize against bolshevism, and can influence their action only by creating public opinion favourable to its thesis, its campaign does not aim at enlisting troops to fight communism with lethal weapons but at enrolling voters to keep communism out of their respective countries by means of the ballot box.

Compromise Barred

The Vatican feels that it is not sufficient to denounce communism as a negation or divine laws, but that it is necessary to awaken the peoples to a belief that no compromise is possible, as communism has become a strong factor in several countries.

Particular emphasis is laid on this last point, because of what the Vatican calls a "hypocritical campaign" to make Catholics believe an alliance, or at least collaboration, is possible between themselves and Communists, if not in the political field, then at any rate in humanitarian enterprises seeking to alleviate the sufferings caused by the economic depression.

The Vatican believes this campaign has met with particular success in France and was largely responsible for the Popular Front's victory in the last elections. The way in which the Vatican is fighting is shown not only by public condemnations uttered by the Pope but by the placing on the index of forbidden books and newspapers of L'Ere Nouvelle, the leading French press champion of collaboration between Catholics and Communists in welfare work.

Pope Chief Instrument

The Pope himself is the principal instrument in the Vatican's fight against communism, as he commands wide attention. He never overlooks an opportunity to condemn the Reds as a threat to society and his words serve as the pattern on which thousands of priests fashion their sermons.

The Vatican is busy at the same time in organising more material weapons for this anti-communist war. The papal Pro-Russia Commission, which was originally organized to aid Russian emigres, is now actively carrying on propaganda and has established branches in Poland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

The Pontifical Oriental Institute is conducting an extensive enquiry into the Soviet regime and is publishing its findings in "Lettres de Rome," with a view to giving editors throughout the world material for combating Communist theories.

Associations such as "Pro Deo," which was started in Switzerland and is now spreading actively to other countries, are being organised under the clergy. The priests, indeed, are the backbone of the anti-Communist campaign, and the Vatican supplies the necessary leadership and co-ordination.

The St. David's Society is entertaining Welsh members of H. M. Services to dinner and a social at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home on Monday, December 21, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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GOOD RESULTS ACHIEVED

Asia Lands Hold Meeting

NO DEMAND FOR WHARVES

The fifth annual general meeting of shareholders of Asia Lands Ltd., was held at the offices of the Company, Mercantile Bank Building, yesterday afternoon, when the report and statement of accounts were received.

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie presided, and was supported by Mr. G. Miskin and Mr. Li Chor-chi (Directors), and Mr. J. Fleming (Secretary).

After the minutes of the last annual general meeting, and the notice convening the present meeting had been read by the Secretary, the Chairman said:

The results for the year have been far from satisfactory as there has been no great demand for the Company's wharves, its main source of income; recently, there has been an encouraging remission of interest and we have had several enquiries, which led us to hope for a brighter outlook in the future.

Debts Recovered

It has been the policy of your directors always to provide for possible losses, but I am glad to say that they have been proved over-cautious for they have been successful, during the past year, in recovering a very large part of a debt previously considered doubtful, with the result that \$22,000 has been realised from Doubtful Debts Reserve.

The depressed state of trade during the past two years has not only affected the Company's rentals, but has resulted in great difficulty being experienced in collection of accounts overdue; we trust, by giving to debtors concerned extended credit, ultimately to recover certain debts which are now reserved for in full.

Reserves

In order to simplify the statement placed before you, the Board has eliminated all reserves that were not held without a specific purpose, by utilising them to write down the investment, which has also been affected by present adverse trade, and the real estate which has now, we regret to state, over valued compared with its cost when purchased, as both shipping and property were being operated in much happier conditions.

Since the close of the year in review, Mr. G. W. Greene, who has been the operating agent of the Company for the past year and has been connected with it almost since its inception, has accepted a position in Manila, and your directors have appointed Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews to act in his stead in the same capacity, as they have long been conversant with its affairs.

Mr. Miskin seconded the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, and these were adopted unanimously.

Other Business

The appointment of Mr. L. Kadoorie to the Board was confirmed, and Messrs. G. Miskin and Ko Leong-hoe were re-elected directors for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors of the Company until the next annual general meeting.

A PUBLIC MAN WHO CHEATED

Shopbreaking And Forgery

Artist, publican, former chairman of Poplar Board of Guardians, 64-year-old Frederick Tansley Munnings was last month sentenced to seven months' imprisonment at Liverpool Assizes.

He was jointly accused with George Geoffrey James, thirty-four, a labourer, of shopbreaking and forgery. James was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Mr. Glyn Blackledge, prosecuting, said Munnings was an expert painter in oils, and after giving public service had lapsed into crime.

It was stated that Munnings, who had been a licensee of public houses in Poplar, later went to live in Surrbiton, and lived by painting portraits.

He then served several sentences in different parts of the country.



Glamour and gaiety mark the film romance, "My American Wife," starring Anna Sothern, which is the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Yokohama yesterday for Vancouver, where she is due on the 29th inst. She is due to leave that port for Hong Kong on January 9, 1937, and is expected here on January 29, 1937.

The a.s. Tjikembang is due to leave for Shanghai via ports tomorrow at 8 p.m. while the a.s. Tjinagara will leave for Amoy and Shanghai on Boxing Day.

The tenth annual agricultural exhibition of the New Territories Agricultural Association will be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor on January 9 next, according to Mr. Chas. Tetzel, Honorary Secretary of the Association. Lady Caldecott has also consented to attend the opening of the show, which will be at 2.30 p.m. As in former years, the exhibition will be open to the public for two days.

Four cases of diphtheria and one of enteric fever were reported for the 24 hours ended on Thursday.

A very enjoyable operetta, "The Wishing Cap," was staged at the French Convent, Causeway Bay, last evening. The play was given there two weeks ago at the annual prize distribution, and was so successful that parents who were unable to see it then, and many other friends of the school, asked for it to be staged again.

Yesterday morning, two class rooms of the Garrison School in Hong Kong were transformed from their comparatively severe appearance into a miniature theatre, when the pupils of the Infants' Department entertained their parents. Among those present were Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew, Mrs. Rodwell, wife of the O.C. of Schools, Major Joseph, C.E.O., Captain and Mrs. Kim, the Rev. and Mrs. Bateman, and the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

OSMUND WINS EXHIBITION

Break Of 139 When Needing 10

At the Garrison Sergeants' Mess last night, A. J. Osmund, the Colony billiards champion, beat Conductor Andrews, R.A.O.C., by 279 points in an exhibition game of 500 up.

During the game Osmund made breaks of 58, 66 and 78 and, when requiring only 10 points to finish the game, scored a break of 139.

After the game Osmund played S/Sgt. Smith at snooker and won by 58 points to 47.

BEACONS ON PARADE

Driving School For Soldiers

One of the parade grounds of the signal training centre at Caterick Camp, Yorkshire, has been transformed by Belisha's beacons and road signs into a soldiers' conception of Piccadilly Circus.

The idea is to teach military drivers of all classes road sense. Whether they drive a whippet tank or a motor-cycle, they will first have to learn the rules of the road and pass driving tests on this parade ground.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Messrs. Harriman's Weekly Report

Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued yesterday states:—

The past has been a quiet and rather featureless week in the share market, but quotations for local descriptions have been well maintained, and Manila shares although without much change, show slow, but sure improvement. The recent local liquidation of mining shares appears to have ended, and as conservative advances from Manila, recommend purchases round present levels, we pass on similar advice to our readers, with the added recommendation that producing companies shares are likely to prove the most profitable investment.

With the exception of Hong Kong Electric, taken at \$54, utility shares have been a somewhat dull market. China Lights (old) however were bought in fair numbers from \$12.50 up to \$12.75. Closing: Telephones (old) exchanged at \$28 and now have buyers at this. The "New" shares were dealt in at \$10. Star Ferries had sales at \$93, and Sankin Lights are up to \$10 bid. But this figure fails to attract sellers. Trams have small buyers at \$12.10 after sales at \$12.15.

Banks and Insurance shares continue in demand. Hong Kong Banks are wanted at \$18.10, after transactions of \$18.15. Unions have improved to \$612.50 with sales reported at \$615. Both Canton Insurance and Hong Kong Fires are \$300 and this price must discount expectations of a more generous dividend payment for the current year. Bank of East Asia are \$83.

Wharves have eased to \$106, with buying enquiries about \$1 lower. The American shipping strike would appear to be the cause for the drop in this popular share. Providents (old) had sales at \$13.34, but close near \$14.0. Providents (New) were dealt in at 15 cts. and have further buyers. Docks are nominally quoted at \$13.75. Cements were sold as low as \$10.10, but closing buyers bid \$10.25. Dairy Farms made \$20 and at this price there are further buyers.

There are also enquiries for Watsons below \$4. Ewos receded to \$13.60, but closing bids have improved to \$14.20 Vibro Piling are wanted at \$5.50 and Constructions (new) at 43 cts. Raubs have buyers at \$13.20 ex dividend and New Goldfields of Venezuela at \$8.

Hotels, due to settlement liquidation were sold down to \$5.50 and \$5.60, and Lands came down to sales at \$34, with further sellers. Humphreys are enquired for at \$9.10 and Realty's at \$4.50.

Philippine Mining Shares Discerning investors have been buying during the week and fair sized parcels of San Mauricio were placed at \$3.60, the closing price being \$3.30. Suyco's were taken at 60 cts. and Demonstration from \$1.06 up to \$1.12.

Consolidated mines were exchanged at 5 cts., Dayakas at 45 cts. and Masbates at 59½ cts. I.X.L. have risen sharply, to \$24.50 cum. on the announcement of a fifty per cent stock dividend coupled with a two centavos cash dividend.

Concluding Comment Hong Kong market very steady. Manila market. Distinctly firmer.

New York Share Market

Messrs. White, Weld & Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy & Company, report:—

Stocks: With the approaching end of the year, traders are adopting a cautious attitude. The market to-day, consequently was rather irregular. Though the undertone is firmish, we do not anticipate any major advances until the New Year. We would recommend traders to purchase steel, copper and oil shares on reactions.

Business done: 1,910,000 shares. Cotton: The market remains steady, but the volume of trading is lighter, as traders are now becoming more cautious. We are of the opinion that any further material advances are dependent upon definite news regarding the Government's plans for the disposal of its stocks of loan cotton.

Grains: The wheat market is again firm, but we would advise

GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

We are officially informed from Government House that His Excellency the Governor, on the advice of his medical advisers, is cancelling all his social engagements until December 24th inclusive and will be in residence at Fanning Lodge.

ALLEGED DEALS IN SPIRITS

Whisky At 7/6 A Bottle

TWENTY-ONE SUMMONSES

Allegations about deals in smuggled spirits were made at Petersfield (Hants) last month when Montague de Carte, aged 36, late licensee of the Sun Inn, Petersfield, appeared on 21 summonses.

He pleaded Not guilty to three of the summonses and guilty to 18. He pleaded Not guilty to dealing in 161 bottles of uncustomed spirits with intent to defraud the Revenue of the duty; dealing in 228 bottles of whisky for a similar purpose; and using premises for storing which were not registered as a proper storing place.

The summonses to which he pleaded guilty were in respect of receiving spirits unaccompanied by a permit; failing to enter spirits in a stock book; buying from an unauthorised person and selling other than on premises licensed to sell them.

"A Receiver"

Mr. B. M. Stephenson, prosecuting for the Customs and Excise, said the proceedings arose out of a former case of smuggling in which two men were charged.

It was alleged that de Carte, a publican, of Petersfield, bought spirits smuggled into this country; in other words, that he was a receiver of smuggled spirits.

In August a man named Barlow (formerly in the police force, told de Carte that some friends had spirits for sale. De Carte agreed to buy a consignment and bought three gallons, legitimately bought by another man named Knight. They were bought at the ridiculous price 7s. 6d. a bottle, whereas the actual duty was 8s. 6d. a bottle.

"Took Fright"

The first smuggling venture, said Mr. Stephenson, took place round about August 15. Goods were smuggled into Burnham-on-Crouch, driven in Knight's car to de Carte's inn, and sold at 7s. 6d. a bottle. Smuggling, he alleged, was discussed by Barlow with de Carte.

Another venture was in a boat called the Apache, when spirits were smuggled into Thorney Creek, driven to Knight's house at Walton-on-Thames, and some 19 cases sold to de Carte. It was clear that he knew where the spirits were coming from.

When the case of the actual smuggling was heard de Carte apparently took fright.

Gathering up the whisky left in his store he took it out in a boat on the lake and, according to his story, he smashed up 72 bottles and threw them into the water. Police searched the lake later, but were unable to locate any glass.

7 "SENT DOWN" AT CAMBRIDGE

For Unruly Conduct On November 5

UNIVERSITY COURT OF DISCIPLINE

Seven Cambridge undergraduates have been "sent down for a period" as the result of the Cambridge Guy Fawkes "rag" on November 5. The official notice was posted at the colleges last month. It was as follows:

On this day seven persons, charged with misconduct on the night of the 5th of November, 1936, were brought before the Court of Discipline.

The charges included assaulting police officers, resisting arrest, and interfering with a motor vehicle. The court awarded a period of restriction in each case.

Before Guy Fawkes Day a specially printed notice by the Proctors was posted on all the college screens.

Warning Ignored It warned undergraduates that all cases of misconduct on November 5, whether the undergraduates came before the police court or not, would be seriously considered by the Court of Discipline.

Altogether 20 arrests were made during the rag. There were charges of assaulting the police, resisting the police and trying to overturn a car.

The Court of Discipline meets in private and has full powers. The restriction period will last, it is understood, for the remainder of the academic year, which does not end until next summer.

PRINCELY GIFTS TO EMPIRE

Britains Thanks To Sultans

Britain's appreciation of the gifts towards the cost of Empire defence by the Sultan of Johore and the Sultan of Selangor was expressed by Mr. W. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary for the Colonies, at a luncheon given by the Government in their honour at the May Fair last month.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that the Government was indebted in a special degree to both Sultans.

"Following upon the timely gift—a truly princely gift—of H.M.S. Malaya to the Royal Navy in time for that magnificent ship to take her place in the line at Jutland," he said, "the Sultan of Selangor, in association with his three brother Princes in the Federated States gave a contribution of two million pounds towards the cost of the Naval Base at Singapore."

"The Sultan of Johore has last year, in commemoration of his late Majesty's Jubilee, devoted a sum of half a million pounds as a gift to his Majesty's Government for the purpose of accelerating the completion of the defences of Singapore."

Apart from these striking examples of the friendly feelings of the Malay rulers, which were deeply valued, there was an unbroken record of sympathy, close association and helpfulness which always gave encouragement, especially in these times of international stress.

The Sultan of Johore, who spoke in English, replied, that Johore and Malaya were proud of their position to-day.

"We enjoy the privilege of being friends of the British Government. We have no other friends, and I hope that the British Government will always treat us as friends."

THE JUDGE IS AT A LOSS

When It Comes To Band Leaders

When Judge Lilley was told at Shoreditch County Court last month that a musical director who answered a judgment summons was billed on the same level as Joe Loss, he said: "That conveys nothing to my mind."

A solicitor said he was given to understand that, among the dancing public, Joe Loss was considered in the first rank of the band leaders.

The debtor, Sidney Charid, said that his last B.R.C. engagement was in July, when he received 25 guineas.

Asked how much of that he could keep, he replied "Nothing."

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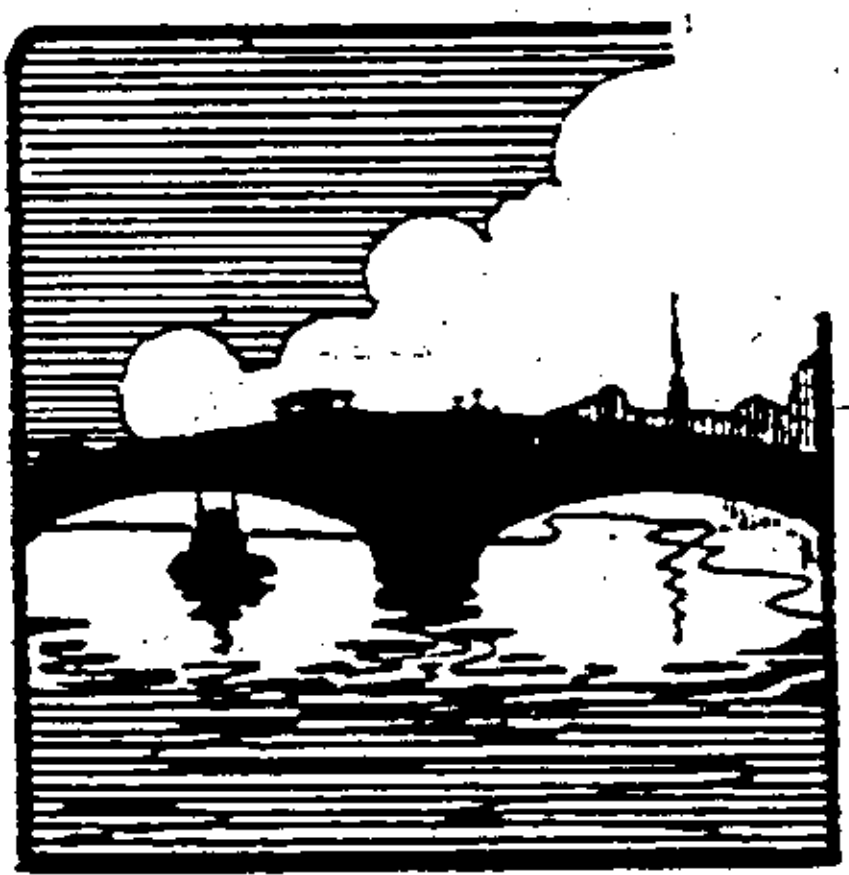
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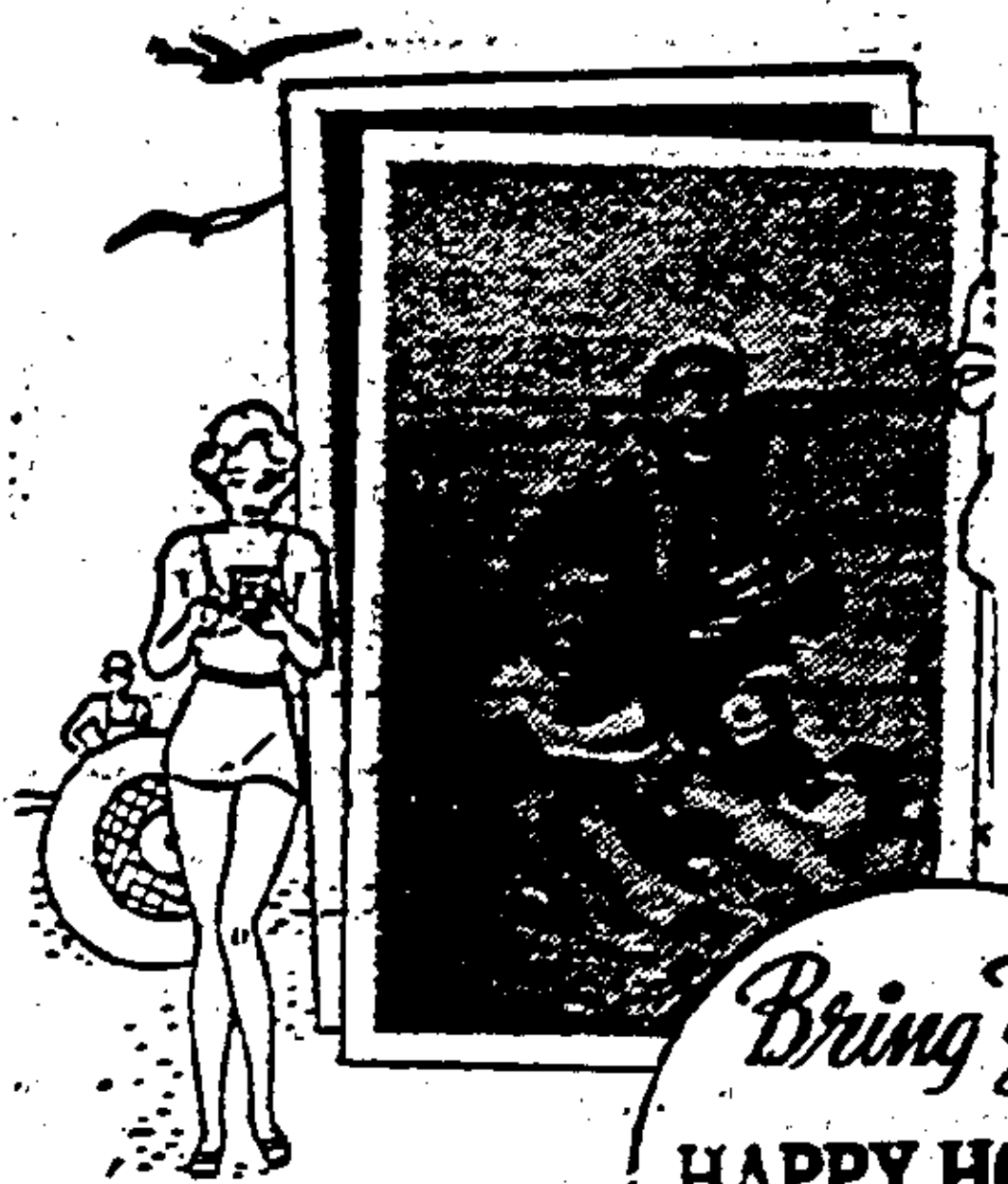
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When the Guild of British Air Pilots and Navigators recently awarded its reliability trophy to Major H. G. Brackley (Air Superintendent of Imperial Airways) and eight of the senior Captains in the Company's service, tributes were paid to the wonderful records of pioneer air-pilots on the British commercial routes. The eight Imperial Airways Captains whose names were associated with that of their Air Superintendent in the Guild's award were O. P. Jones, L. A. Walters, W. Rogers, A. S. Wilcockson, F. Dismore, F. J. Bailey, H. H. Horsey, and A. B. H. Youell, and figures which have just become available show that these eight flying veterans have, between them, now spent a total of just over 8,000,000 hours in the air. This means that they have flown a total distance of approximately 8,000,000 miles.

20 Years Of Flying

The figures for Captain O. P. Jones show that this veteran has now spent more than 12,000 hours in the air. The hours spent aloft by Captains Horsey and Rogers exceed a total of 11,000. Captain Youell's total now stands at a figure of over 10,000 hours; while close behind him in flying hours come Captains Bailey, Dismore, Wilcockson, and Walters.

The accumulated experience of such airway veterans as these may be judged when it is mentioned that Captain Dismore, who began flying more than 20 years ago, has now carried over 60,000 passengers; that Captain Youell first learned to handle an aeroplane at one of the pioneer British aviation schools, and has been flying ever since; and that Captain O. P. Jones has, during his air career, handled more than 50 different types of aircraft.

INSPECTION BY
MAHARAJAHAerodrome Lighting
At Jodhpur

PUSH BUTTON SWITCHES

In order to inspect for himself the aerodrome lighting which has been installed at Jodhpur, night flights have been made recently by his Highness the Maharajah Sahib Bahadur.

The whole night-lighting system is controlled from a panel in the tower which is fitted with push-button switches. The two landing floodlights consist of three banks of three 1,000 watt lamps; the total candle-power being 12,000,000. The illuminated wind-T embodies a device which causes the lamps to flash intermittently should the wind fall to a speed which is negligible from the viewpoint of landing. The boundary lights are on the perimeter of a 3,000 feet diameter landing circle, and are of a conical type, the whole of the cone, in addition to the globe, being flooded with orange light from the one lamp.

The aerodrome guiding beacon, mounted on the roof of the adjacent State Hotel, is of the revolving type with a lamp of 1,000 watts, and has been sighted by airmen from a distance of 100 miles.

MAGIC CARPET OF
TO-DAYHong Kong On The
Air Mail Map

Forecasts published in Hong Kong as to the development of that city as an important air-port on the flying routes of the world picture the day as not far distant when it will be possible for a passenger starting from Hong Kong to make a complete air circuit of the globe, says a Home correspondent.

The air journey from Hong Kong to London is estimated to take 5 days. Then from London across to New York the time occupied would be 2 days; after which a period of 8 days is allowed for the crossing of America to San Francisco, and the ocean voyage from San Francisco back to Hong Kong.

Amusements

Cinema Notes From
The Theatres"MY AMERICAN WIFE"
QUEEN'S THEATRE

Francis Lederer has never been given a better screen role than his current one in the Paramount film romance, "My American Wife," nor has the star ever been provided with a better screen mate than his co-star in the present picture, Ann Sothern.

"My American Wife" is light-footed romance, brought to the screen with a flair which only Lederer and a star of Miss Sothern's type could provide. The story itself, from a Saturday Evening Post feature by Elmer Davis, is refreshingly unique, and the cast lined up behind the principals is unusually capable. Heading the list is Fred Stone, veteran player who appears as an old Arizona pioneer with a Western contempt for the spangles and airs of foreign nobility. Billie Burke, Ernest Cossart and Grant Mitchell are outstanding among those that follow.

CIVIL AVIATION
IN CANADARomance Of Air-Borne
Freight

ORE BUCKETS IN CRATES

It was not long ago that the little far-northern township of Akivik, on the mouth of the Mackenzie River, received its mails once a year. Now, thanks to the development of civil aviation in Canada, it is visited once every three weeks by mail-planes which, after they have delivered their letters, return with bales of fur.

The value of the aeroplane in developing the resources of Canada was proved not long ago by the opening-up of a mine which was situated 400 miles from the nearest rail-head. A few years ago this particular area had hardly been prospected; but now the mine is in full production, supplies and other necessities being carried to it by air.

It is estimated that during a recent period of 12 months not far short of 20,000 prospectors, all of them engaged in exploring hitherto untapped territory were complete with all their necessary kit—carried out on their surveys by Canadian aeroplanes.

Previous Records Beaten

An idea of the importance of air freight transport in Canada may be gained from the fact that recently an order was placed for the carriage by aeroplane from Gold Pines to Casummit Lake of approximately 500 tons of freight. One of the big cargo-planes employed—known as "the flying box-car"—can carry a freight-load of from 2 to 2½ tons. Large consignments can be transported in the bigger types of cargo-planes—such for example as ore buckets and machine units in crates.

During a period of approximately one month, recently, in aeroplane freight operations in the mid-west mining area, loads totaling over 1,000,000 lb. were air-borne—a figure far exceeding any previous total for a similar period.

AIR AND RAIL
SERVICETo Help The Busy
Housewife

For the convenience of housewives, the American Railway Express Agency, operating in conjunction with the internal airlines of the United States, has organised a rapid air-and-rail service which is called "air shopping."

Within a few hours of a telephone order, exotic foods and flowers, and last-minute fashions, can be delivered at one's door in any of the 200 chief cities throughout the United States. It is calculated that within less than 24 hours, by air express and rail, the following ingredients for an elaborate dinner could be got together—Florida guavas, guumbo from New Orleans, stone crabs from Bimini or rock lobsters from Miami, turtle steaks or Virginia baked ham; hearts of palm salad from Florida; candied fruits from the same State; branded peaches from the South, and rare coffee, down, from the heights of Central America.

"EARTHWORM TRACTORS"
KING'S THEATRE

Never has Joe E. Brown appeared so funny as in this picture nor has he been given so many opportunities to display his comic antics as in this comedy, the story of which has been taken from the Saturday Evening Post by William Hazlett.

Probably no other comedian of stage or screen could have come so close to being the personification of Alexander Botts, natural born super-salesman, in his own mind, whose luck is so phenomenal that even his consistent and colossal blunders turn out to his advantage.

Joe E. makes Alexander Botts, one of the most comical heroes of fiction, live and breathe on the screen as Joe has lost none of his vim and pep as the greatest fun maker of the time.

Joe E.'s two leading women merit special comment. They are June Travis and Carol Hughes, both of the brunette beauty type. There is a talented supporting cast with Guy Kibbee giving a hilarious performance as a cantankerous and partially deaf old man to whom Joe tries for long in vain to sell tractors.

Dick Foran is excellent in his role as the successful rival of Joe in love, playing his part straight and acting as a foil to Joe's antics. Gene Lockhart, the famous stage comedian, gives a good account of himself as the rival salesman of Joe E. in the tractor field.

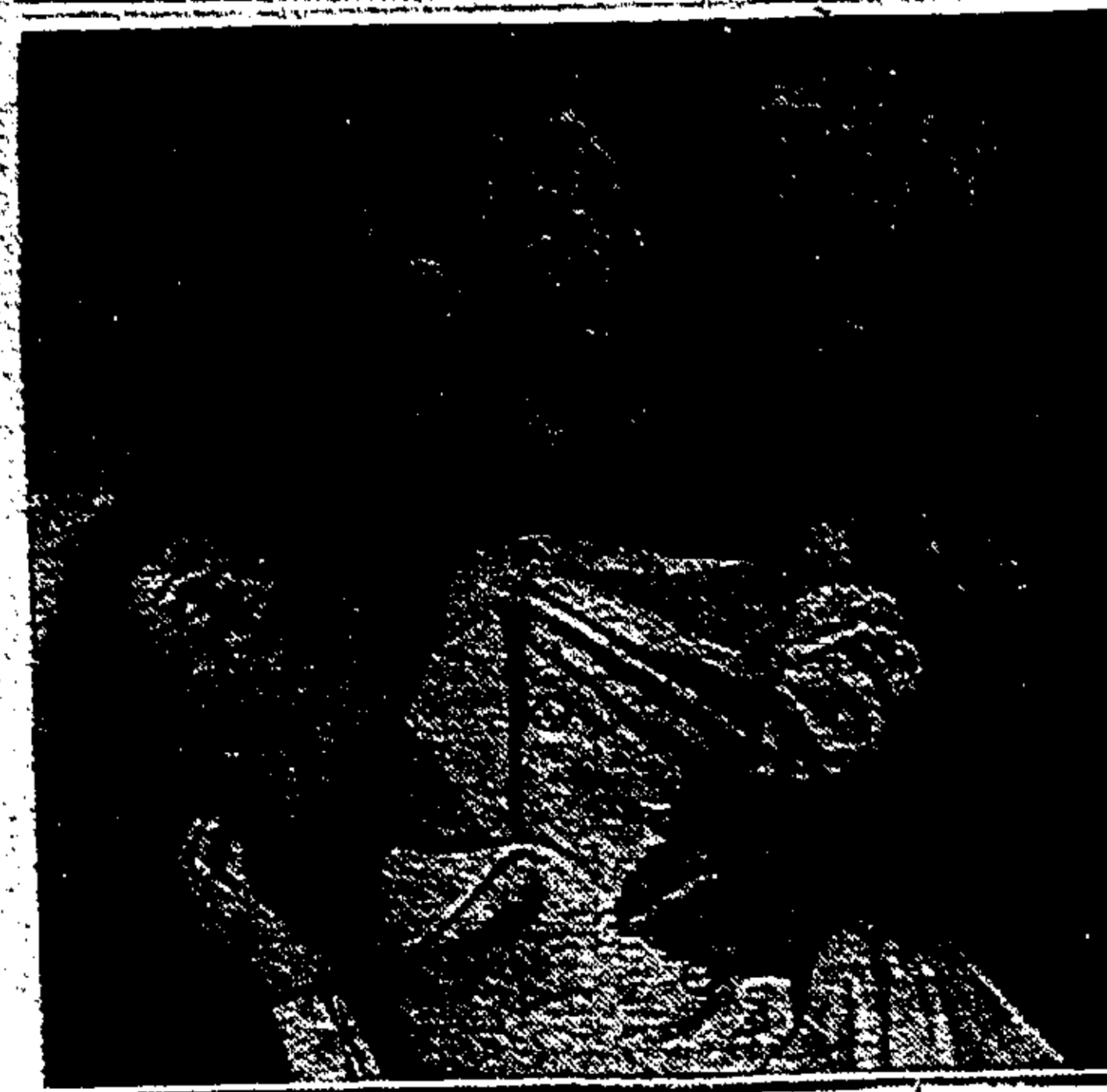
"THREE CHEERS FOR LOVE"
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Lining up an array of talent unmatched in many months, "Three Cheers for Love" has everything the perfect tune-film needs. Dance teams are exceptional; the chain-lightning feet of Eleanor Whitney are matched with Robert Cummings, masculine lead, and the phenomenal steps of Olympe Bradna, new French dance sensation, are matched by those of Louis Da Pron, himself no sluggard for tap-speed.

The music of "Three Cheers for Love" includes the three hit songs "Where Is My Heart," "Long Ago and Far Away," and "The Swing Tap." Chorus numbers, including a novel and intricate fencing dance, are smoothly executed.

The picture has a light, fun-filled plot, which moves almost as rapidly as Miss Whitney's feet. The girl appears as a Hollywood youngster, daughter of a picture magnate, who is sent to a supposed "finishing school" by her step-mother.

The school, it develops, has a student body of chorines and a faculty of vaudeville actors, all



Marguerite Churchill, Gordon Elliott and Lyle Talbot have leading roles in Mignon G. Eberhart's new mystery thriller "Murder by An Aristocrat," which will be showing at the King's Theatre next week.

of them intent on using Miss Whitney as a means of crashing into the movies. One of the troupers is Cummings.

Romance sets in as Cummings tries to persuade Eleanor to take part in a school show to which her father is to be invited. Members of the skilled supporting cast include William Frawley and Roscoe Karns, who provide plenty of laughs; John Halliday, Elizabeth Patterson, Grace Bradley, Veda Ann Borg and Billy Lee.

"THE GHOST GOES WEST"
ORIENTAL THEATRE

The production details of this picture that kept the London Films technical staff on its toes were the construction of an ancient Scottish castle, providing authentic furnishings for same, and the handling of an army of 1,445 extras for a huge Highland battle scene and another huge crowd for a brilliant ballroom scene staged on a trans-Atlantic luxury liner.

For a masquerade ball scene, one of the huge sound stages of the London Films lot was transformed into an ocean-going ballroom. More than 300 colourfully garbed actors strolled the set, including the principals, Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Eugene Pallette and Elsa Lanchester.

"The Ghost Goes West" was directed by Rene Clair, famous French director of "A Nous, La Liberté," "Sous Les Toits de Paris," "Le Million," and other international cinema hits. One of the first to interpolate the original and amusing use of music in films, Clair's score for this comedy is said to be one of his most brilliant pieces of scoring.

Wheeler And Woolsey Rose
As In Horatio Alger Story

A newsboy from Paterson, New Jersey, and a jockey from Cincinnati, Ohio, have become the screen's famous comedy team. Bert Wheeler, the pathetic little man who sings, and Robert Woolsey, the funny-looking fellow behind the big cigar, are a couple of living Horatio Alger examples. By dogged persistence they worked their individual ways to fame on Broadway and their subsequent success on the screen.

They were thrown on their own resources as youngsters, and fought up through medicine shows, third-rate stock companies and cheap vaudeville to a fort-hold in the New York theatre.

But, curiously enough, in private life they are as far apart as the poles. Wheeler likes activity, social life, travelling, excitement. Woolsey, prefers quiet, rarely goes out in public and likes to stay at home and read or play bridge. He handles the business affairs of the pair. Wheeler would rather play a round of golf.

Woolsey was one of the first of nine interest.

"THE NEW ADVENTURES OF
TARZAN"—MAJESTIC
THEATRE

December is the season for many fiestas in Guatemala, and one of the gayest is the Fiesta of Guadalupe, according to Major Frank Baker who, during his location trip to Central America as a member of the "New Adventures of Tarzan" company, has gathered much interesting information about the country.

The most striking feature of the Guadalupe celebration, Major Baker says, is the Devil Dance—not only because of the rhythmic fascination of the dancers' movements, but because of the picturesque costumes they wear. Many of these costumes are elaborate and beautifully made garments of red and blue velvet, lavishly decorated with spangles and embroidery. With these, the dancers wear devil masks with horns. Many of these are hideous but all are cleverly constructed.

The particular Devil Dance which Major Baker saw, took place in the Guatemalan town of San Cristobal and will be shown in full in this new Edgar Rice Burroughs feature.

"PADDY O'DAY"—STAR
THEATRE

"With a twinkle in her eye and a saucy Irish brogue in her song, little Jane Withers heads a stellar cast of fun makers in her joyous new Fox picture "Paddy O'Day."

The picture, which follows the fascinating adventures of a motherless little girl from Erin to the strange city of New York, presents Pinky Tomlin, Rita Casiano, Jane Darwell and George Givot—the Greek ambassador of radio—in the strong supporting cast.

The story of "Paddy O'Day" follows the trail of a little lass who goes to the United States on the steamer of a big boat and who captivates the hearts of all her fellow passengers.

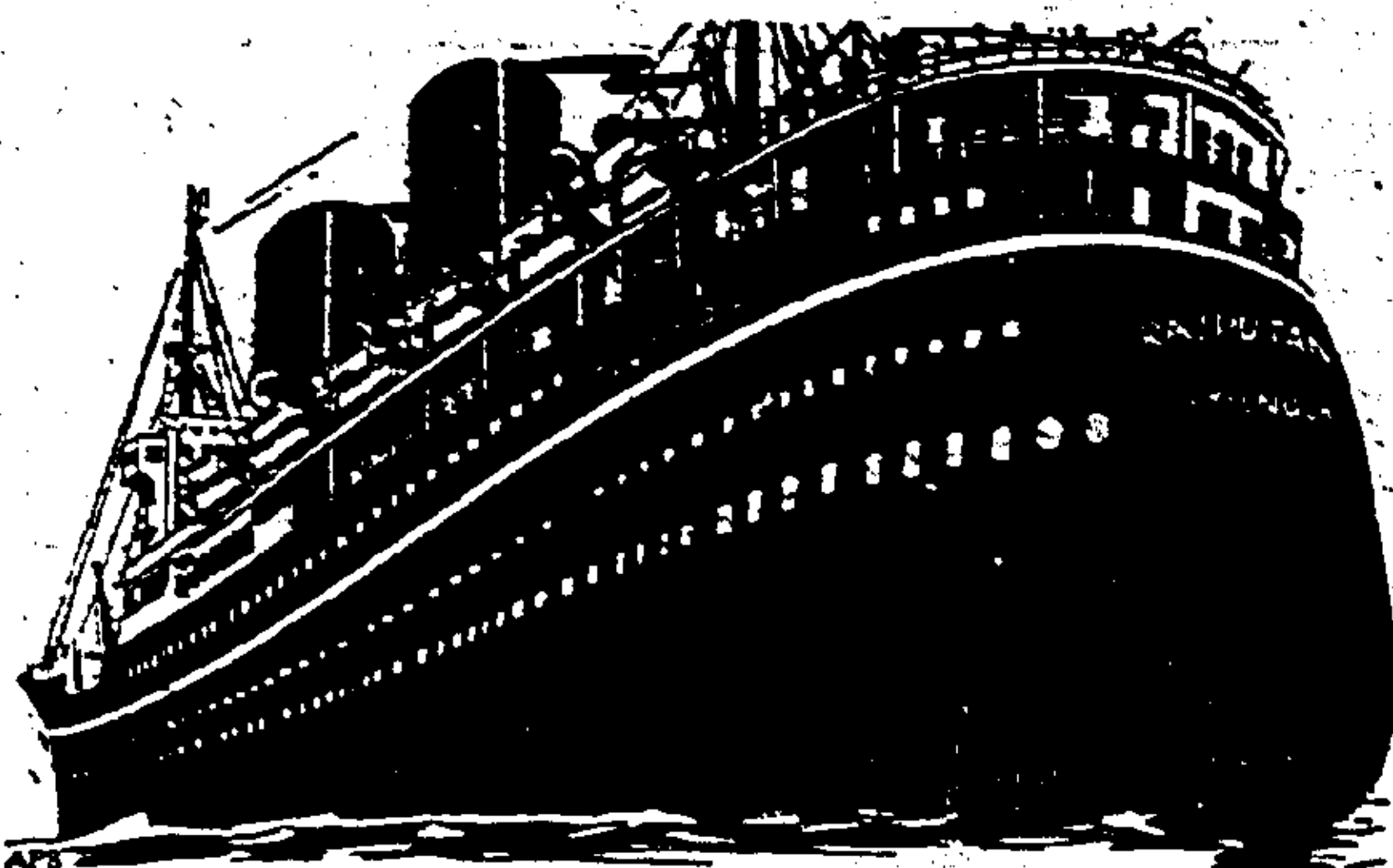
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Figures dealing with civil aviation in the United States have become available up to July 1, 1936. On that date there were 2,402 airports and landing-fields in the United States, and 7,403 licensed and 1,764 unlicensed aircraft. Out of a total of 15,204 pilots licensed to fly, 7,162 were transport pilots. It is proposed to add many new meteorological stations along the United States air routes; while additional high-altitude observing stations are also contemplated.

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*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi.
*RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
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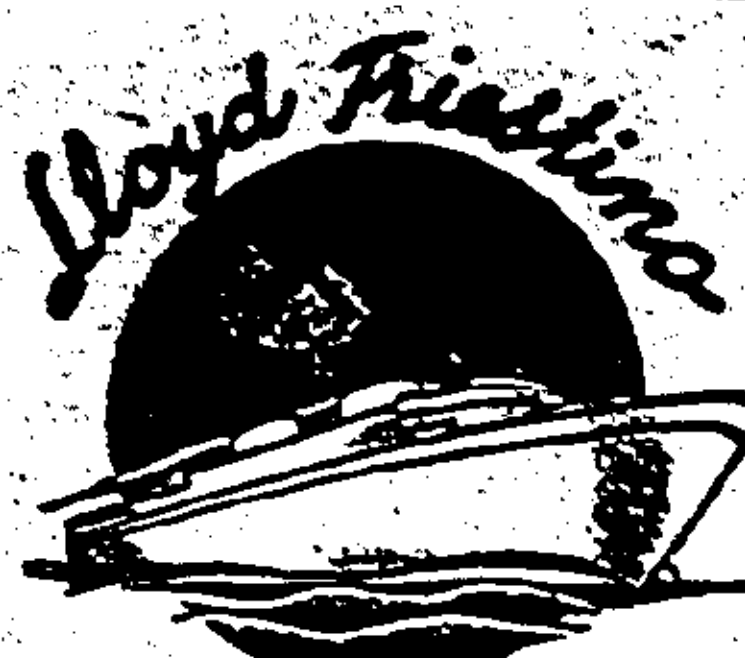
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KITANO MARU Saturday, 23rd Jan.

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KOTOHARA MARU Wednesday, 30th Dec.

TANGO MARU Monday, 11th Jan.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Menestheus	Dec. 20
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways Direct Service)	" 22
Talms	" 22
Ranpura (via Suez)	" 24

FROM JAPAN

Asama Maru	Dec. 19
Rio de Janeiro Maru	" 20
Comorin	" 25
Atsuta Maru	" 25
Toyama Maru	" 27
Nagato Maru	" 28
Nankin	" 30

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Tomshina Maru	Dec. 20
Talms	" 22
Scissang	" 22
Tomshina Maru	" 25
Banglore	" 25
Corte Verde	" 26
Talms	" 28
Van Heutz	" 29

FROM SHANGHAI

Asama Maru	Dec. 19
Tissadane	" 20
Scharnhorst	" 25
Comorin	" 25
D'Arquesman	" 26
Atsuta	" 31
Talms	" 31

FROM U.S.A.

Asama Maru	Dec. 19
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FROM MANILA

Kitano Maru	Dec. 20
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FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru	Dec. 20
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OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

C.N.A.C. plane (Air Mail for Canton)	Dec. 19
Reg. 5 p.m.	" 19
Reg. 7 p.m.	" 19
Santha (K.L.M. Service)	Reg. 9.30 a.m.
Reg. 10 a.m.	" 21
Menestheus (via Siberia)	2.30 p.m.
Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver)	Reg. 4 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.	" 22

FOR MANILA

Tissadane	Dec. 22
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FOR JAPAN

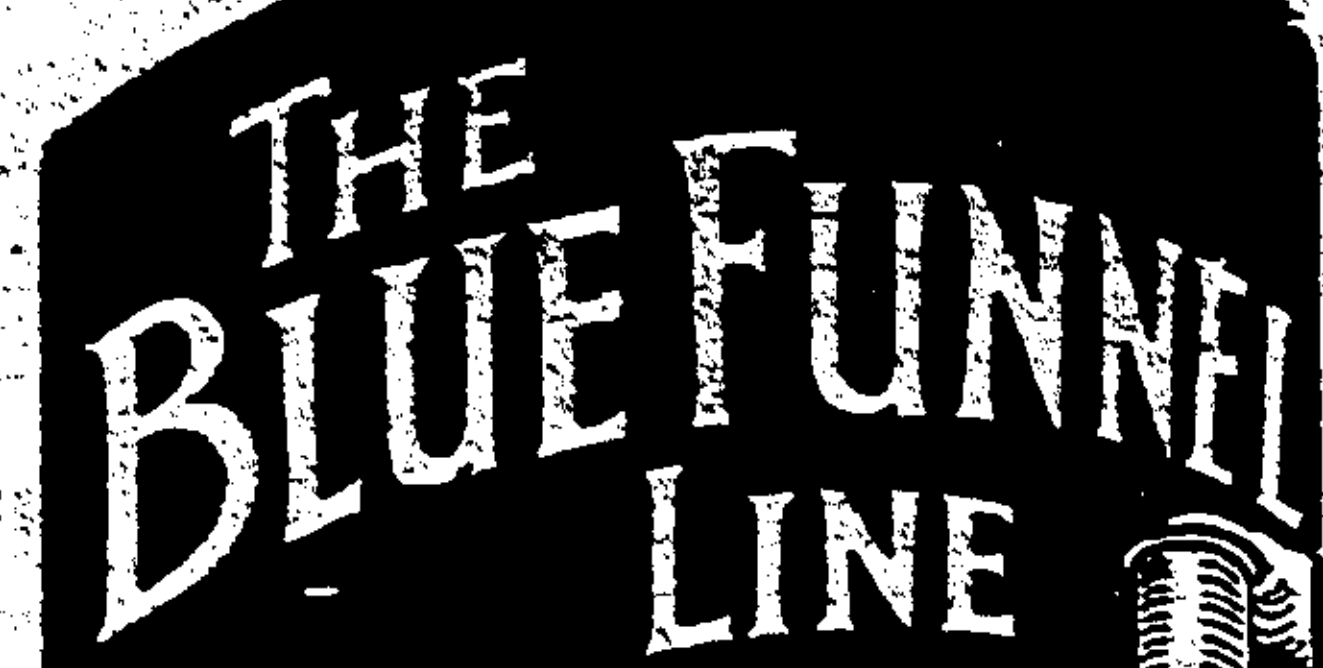
Hollow	Dec. 19
3.30 p.m.	" 20
Kitano Maru	" 20
Emp. of Asia	9 a.m.
" 4 p.m.	" 22

FOR SHANGHAI

Menestheus	Dec. 21
Emp. of Asia	2.30 a.m.
Emp. of Asia	" 22
Corte Verde	4 p.m.
" 2.30 a.m.	" 26

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Santha	Dec. 19
Rio de Janeiro Maru	10.30 a.m.
" 2.30 p.m.	" 21
Emp. of Asia	Dec. 22
" 4 p.m.	" 26
Pleasantville	Reg. 3.45 a.m.



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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 28th November, 1936, till MONDAY, 21st December, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

NOEL BRAGA, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th November, 1936.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 Kc's), 31.49 metres. (9.52 megacycles).

PROCLAMATION OF KING GEORGE VI CORONATION ARSENAL v. CHELSEA.

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European programme.

12.30 p.m.—Cinema Organ music.

12.50 p.m.—Three songs by Leslie Hutchinson.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—A light orchestral concert.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press. Rugby Press; Local: Weather forecast, Raw rubber quotations, announcements and time.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Hits—Old and New.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese programme.

7 p.m.—12 midnight—European programme.

7 p.m.—The Orchestre Raymond.

Gounod in Vienna arr. Walter.

Dance of the Merry Masoch.

Invitation to the Waltz.

Polonaise Militaire.

By the Sleepy Lagoon.

Chanson D'Amour.

Poupee Valse.

A Musical Snuff Box.

7.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.33 p.m.—Nixon Vallin (soprano).

Maurice Marechal (violinello).

1. Songs—

Dolores (d'Amour & Waldteufel).

Les Sirenes (d'Amour & Waldteufel).

2. "Cello"

Elégie (Gabriel Faure).

3. Songs—

Si mes vœux avaient des ailes (Hugo & Hahn).

Payage (Theuriet & Hahn).

4. "Cello"

Indian Lament (Dvorak).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Vocal Duets—

"A Fine Romance"

"The Way You Look To-night"

Dixie Lee Crosby & Bing Crosby.

Instrumental—

Maria Mari.

Whispers at the Dance

Serge Krish Septet.

Humorous—

Have You Seen by Chickens?

Tommy Handley & Jean Allistone.

Vocal—

Poor Butterfly

Sweet Sue, Just You

The Dixie Devils.

Band—

Good Evening Pretty Lady

Back in those old Kentucky Days

London Piano-Accordion Band.

Songs—

I'll Wait for You

I'm All Alone

Webster Booth (tenor).

Humorous—

Aren't Women Wonderful?

Sophie Tucker.

Bands—

Minstrel Memories (No. 2)

Grand Massed Brass Bands.

Organ Solos—

Free ("Okay for Sound")

Night Must Fall ("The Tenth Man")

Quentin Maclean.

Humorous—

Come and join the No-Shirt-Party

Norman Long.

Tango—

Echos du Passe

Jean Taponnier's Ballroom Orchestra.

9 p.m.—London—News and announcements.

9.20 p.m.—London—The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.

An account of the second day's play by Alan Kippax, from Sydney. (Electrical recording).

9.35 p.m.—Popular Tunes of 1933 and 1934.

Humorous—

Mad Dogs and Englishmen

Noel Coward.

Song—

I Was in the Mood

Elidgarde.

Organ—

Wedding of the Painted Doll

Leslie James.

Song—

Masquerading in the Name of Love

Hugh Morton.

Pianos—

Goodnight Vienna—Medley

Raie da Costa and Harry Jacobson.

Song—

Makin' Whoopie

Eddie Cantor.

Duet—

Mood Intigo

Layton & Johnstone.

Song—

Love's Last Word is Spoken

Gracie Fields.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.

Relay—Dance music from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

10.25 p.m.—London—The Proclamation of His Majesty, King George VI, from Saint James's Palace, London.

10.45 p.m.—London—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra (by permission of the Savoy Hotel, Ltd.) with Brian Lawrence (Australian vocalist), Anne Lenner, and the Three Girls—Compers, James Dymally (Electrical recording).

11.15 p.m.—London—Arsenal v. Chelsea. A running commentary on the Association Football Match from the Arsenal Football Ground, Highbury.

12.15 a.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A Pseudo Throw-In

Every advanced play in Bridge has a clever twin brother—the "pseudo." The brilliant squeeze is often no more effective than some line of play which seems so like a squeeze that the opponents, thinking there is no escape, resort to unsound defence and toss away tricks they might have won. The throw-in play, from which there is no escape when the position of the cards is just right, may likewise be simulated to such a degree that unwary adversaries may be sure that the throw-in play has been effective against them, and as a result throw away tricks which by more careful play they might have won.

The success of the pseudo throw-in play is usually due to people's justifiable hesitancy to make a lead which will afford the Declarer a discard in one hand and a ruff in the other. Proper counting will of course overcome this difficulty in most cases.

South, dealer

East and West vulnerable.

NORTH

S—K 9 7 2

H—4 3

D—A 8 6

C—K 10 5 3

WEST

S—S

H—K 9 8 6 2

D—Q 10 9 7 3

C—Q 8

EAST

S—Q J 3

H—Q J 7 5

D—K J 4

C—J 7 6

The bidding: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph).

South West North East

1 S Pass 2 S Pass

2 S (1) Pass 4 S Pass

1—A slight overbid; South should have passed. His re-bid was based upon the hope that North's single raise might have been the absolute maximum of four and one-half playing-tricks. Fortunately for South, this was the case, although there was nevertheless a very poor chance for the contract— it depended upon finding the club Queen-Jack doubleton in one opponent's hand, or upon an adverse error.

West opened the heart six, East played the Jack and South the Ace. South now prepared for the pseudo throw-in by leading a diamond and ducking; East won with the diamond Jack and returned a heart to West's King. West now led a diamond and Dummy's Ace won. After leading two rounds of spades, on the second of which West played the heart deuce, South led Dummy's diamond eight and ruffed it and then threw East in the lead with the spade Queen. East now knew that South held no more diamonds and no more hearts, because West had led the six and later discarded the deuce. East was therefore quite sure that a heart lead would give South a ruff and discard. Because of this he led a club, dropping West's Queen under North's King and allowing South to finesse back for the Jack to his Ace-nine. South lost only three tricks and made his game.

Had East bothered to count out South's hand, he would have known that he could safely lead a heart. South was shown to have held five spades, two diamonds and two hearts. He must therefore hold four clubs, and a discard would do him no good, since he would still have a club trick to lose. By leading a heart East would have allowed a ruff and discard, but he would have saved the game.

South nevertheless deserves great credit for the clever way in which he led East to think that a throw-in play had been made. South's chance to make his contract by finding a doubleton Queen-Jack of clubs was just as good at the end of the hand if the pseudo throw-in had not worked.

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We hope that many will think of the Street Sleepers especially at this festive season, and give a "Xmas Present" to the funds.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED

Solicitor Who Shook Hands With Juror

A new trial was ordered by Mr. Justice Finlay at Liverpool Assizes last month, after it had been reported to him that during the luncheon adjournment the solicitor for one of the accused was seen to shake hands with a juror and have a conversation with him.

Mr. Justice Finlay accepted the solicitor's explanation that he did not approach the juror, who was an acquaintance. "I shall discharge the jury," said the judge, "solely on the ground of the importance of avoiding any suggestion that a juror, by reason of acquaintance or anything else, has any sort of interest in the case."

The case was one in which four men were charged with demanding money with menaces from people in the street. The prosecution against one man was dropped and he was acquitted.

The judge remitted the case against the other three men to the Manchester Assizes.

G. W. R.'S RENEWALS TO COST £2,000,000

286 New Locomotives

The Great Western Railway announced recently its yearly programme of renewals, which will cost about £2,000,000. It includes the construction at its Swindon works of 286 locomotives, among which will be 25 "Castles," known for their association with the "Cheikensham Flyer," 10 of the "Hall" class, 20 "Earls" and 20 "Manors." The remainder will be goods and tank engines.

The programme also includes 234 passenger coaches, and the construction of 150 horse-boxes, 50 eight-wheel trucks and six eight-wheel kitchen cars—a total of 500 passenger train vehicles. For freight services 3,940 wagons are to be built.

JUDGE WARNS WOMEN

Mr. Justice Coddard at Leeds Assizes last month, said the performance of illegal operations by unskilled persons was "a grave source of danger to unhappy women. If they do not end in death, too often they cause ruined health for years." He passed sentences of 15 months in the second division on Mrs. Ethel North, 48, a mill hand, of Commercial-street, Huddersfield, who pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of a young Huddersfield woman, Mrs. Margaret Lena Chadwick, and also to using an instrument unlawfully on her.

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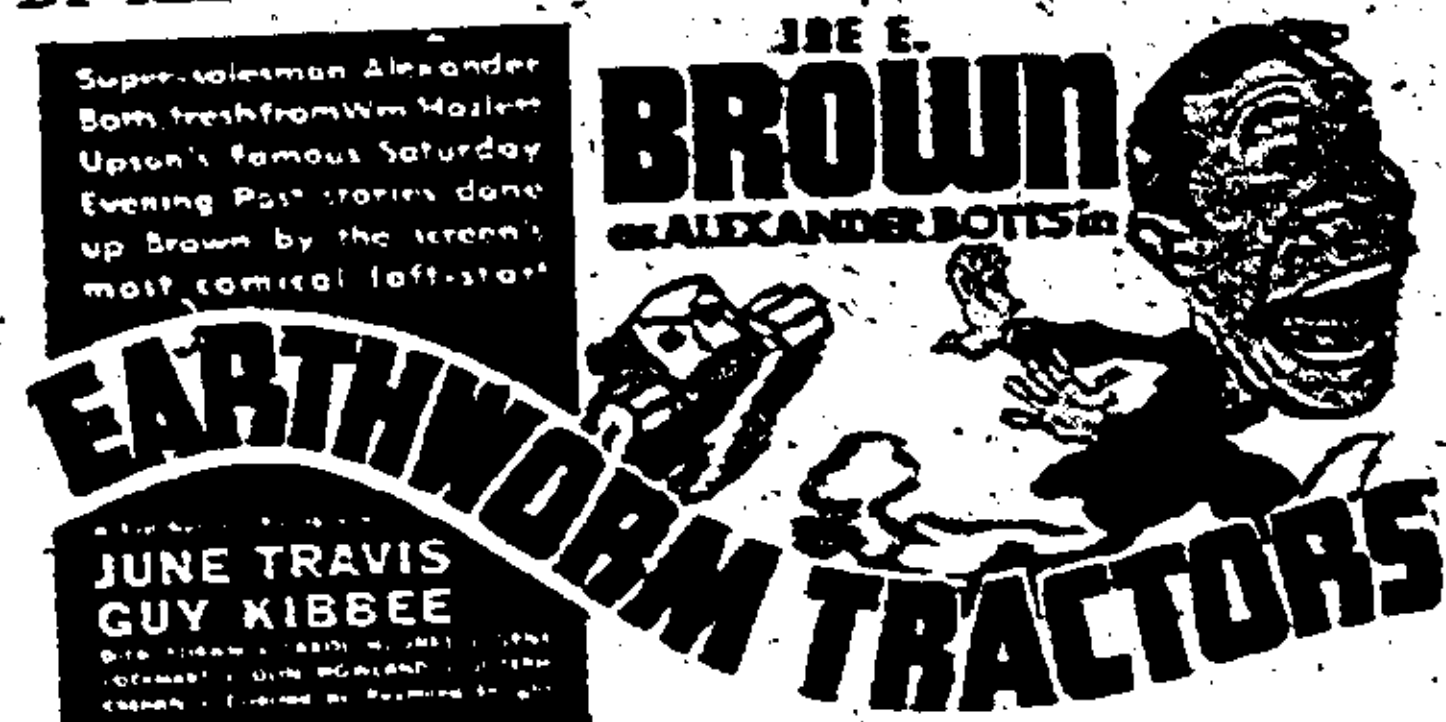
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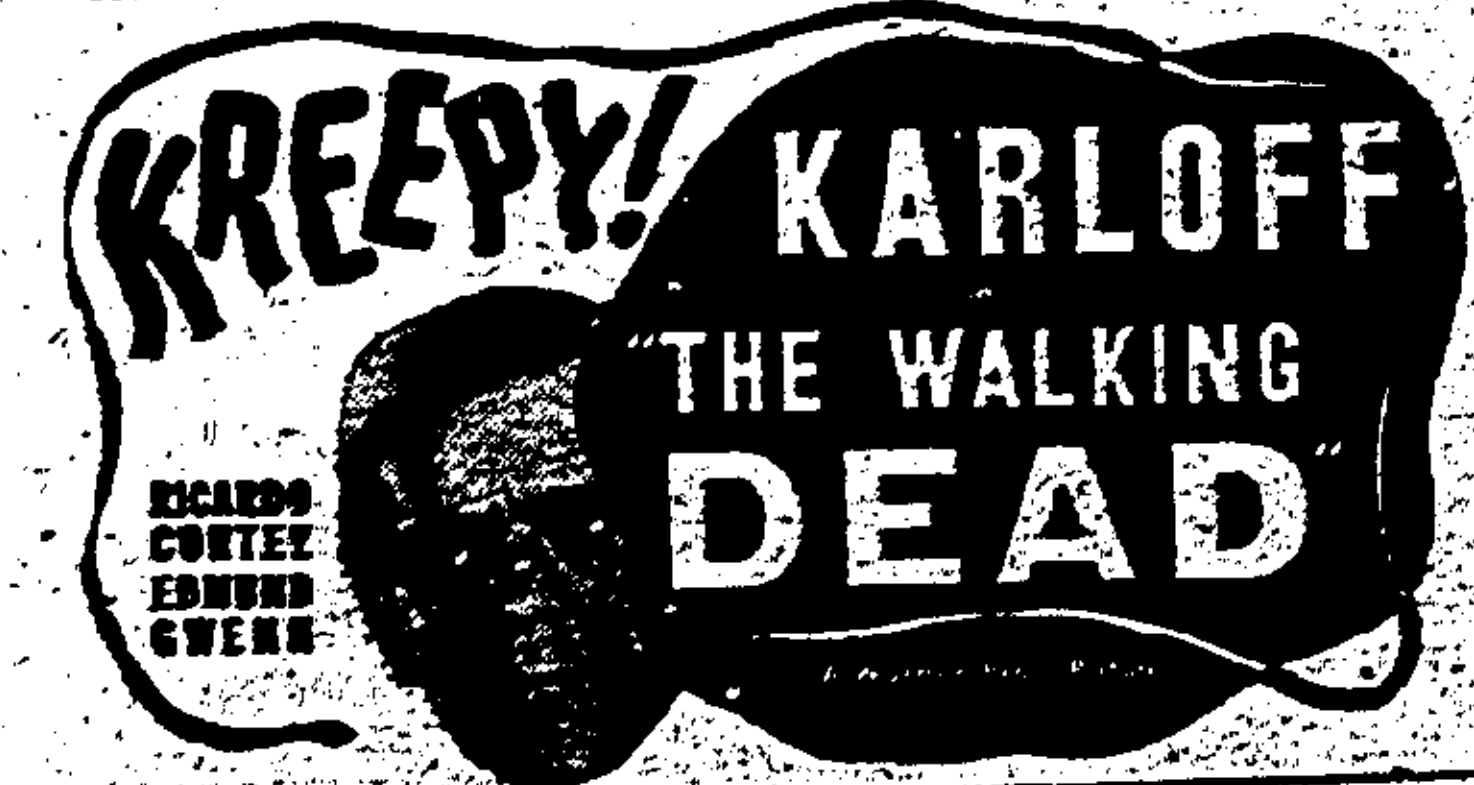
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TREASURES OF G.P.O. MUSEUM
Unpublished Letter
Of McAdam

RECORDS OF POSTAL HISTORY

In the basement of the G.P.O. headquarters is a "mumment room" which, it is hoped, will shortly become the nucleus of an official G.P.O. museum. It contains priceless records of postal history from the seventeenth century onwards.

Among its treasures are: Victorian pillar-box, 8ft high, surmounted by a crown. Victorian pillar-box with a compass painted in black. Household accounts of Queen Anne.

A mail coach watch for setting correct G.P.O. time throughout England and Ireland.

Self portrait in oils of a London postman, 1911.

The General Postmaster's minute book, 1672.

Print of the night mail attacked by an escaped circus lioness.

Post Office advertisements in early newspapers.

Portrait of the first "Master of the Post," Brian Tuke, 1515.

Royalist Postmasters

Of especial interest in view of the centenary of McAdam's death last month is an unpublished document addressed to the Postmaster-General and signed by McAdam in 1823. McAdam asked for £6,357 to reimburse him for reconstructing the roads in Bristol and district, with the result that the mail coaches travelled more quickly in that part of the country.

Postmasters all over England write to the G.P.O. for information about local history. Newcastle's postmasters have been traced back as far as 1672, Durham's to 1673, and Manchester's to 1625. The records show that many Royalist postmasters were turned out by Cromwell, but that Charles II took care to reinstate a number of them or their sons on his Restoration.

NATIONALIST ADVANCE

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The Peguero sector, where a large number of Red militiamen had been concentrated as a reliever for the Red Garrison of El Escorial, which had been for some time cut off from all communications with the outside world, was also heavily shelled.

ARMY FROM FRANCE? Paris: The detachment of Red-Catalan airmen who recently arrived in this city are now receiving instruction in piloting bombing planes at the military air-arm of Orly, according to an assertion made by the journal *Echo de Paris*, which also reports that 400 tons of war material, of which 200 tons have already been delivered, has been ordered by the Spanish Reds from a single French arms factory.

The journal also states that war material recently sent to Barcelona by the factory in question included 14 tons of shells for mines, 22 tons of air torpedos and several trench mortars.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Shells Drop 300 Yards Short Of U.S. Warship

Gijon: Three shells fired by the Nationalist cruiser *Espana* fell about 300 yards from the American cruiser *Erie*. The *Erie* showed her flag, whereupon the *Espana* turned tail and steamed away.

Other Spanish ports on the south-east coast have been bombarded by insurgent planes.—Barrister's Bulletin Service.

TREASURY BILLS ISSUE

London, To-day.—The total amount applied for in tenders for £45,000,000 "treasury bills" was £50,385,000. The average rate per cent. for bills at three months was 18/136d., as against 20/7-41d., a week ago.—British Wireless Service.

DEATH AFTER WEDDING

A few minutes after his wife had returned and described to him the wedding of their son, which he had hoped to attend, Mr. George Griffith, 70, of 71, Stonefield, Oxon, collapsed on his sick bed and died.

HORSEMAN ORDERED TO PAY FINE

Dangerous Riding Charge

SUNDAY MORNING SCENE ON A COMMON

A young horseman, R. G. Marsden, of Glasbury-road, Fulham, was fined £2 at Wimbledon last month for riding a horse dangerously on Wimbledon Common.

A common keeper, Frank Townley, describing the incident said, "Hundreds of people were about when I saw Marsden, on his horse, galloping across the plain. He galloped across a road and I had to shout to pedestrians to stand clear."

"If there had been any nurses with children about it would have meant death for someone. As it was the horse stopped on top of an elderly man."

"We Were in Great Danger" Mr. Frank Shackelford, barrister, of Putney, said that the horse, which was galloping at full speed towards him stopped on top of him before he could get out of the way. "We were all in great danger," he said.

Marsden wrote to the court saying that when cantering at a controllable speed the horse broke away and he tried to pull it up, but not being a very experienced horseman he tugged at the reins and achieved an effect opposite to what he wanted.

DARTMOOR PRISON MUTINY

Sentences To Be Reviewed?

HOME SECRETARY'S STATEMENT

Sir John Simon, the Home Secretary, in the House of Commons last month said he had considered the question of reviewing the sentences on the men involved in the Dartmoor Prison mutiny of 1932.

Of the 22 men who received sentences of varying lengths, several had already been released on the expiration of their extra sentences.

There were still twelve in prison, of whom six would be released during next year in the ordinary course.

"Not Justified" Some of the prisoners had not yet begun to serve the additional sentences imposed in 1932, and others were only at the beginning of their extra sentences.

"In these circumstances I should not feel justified in taking any immediate action," he said. "I have come to the conclusion that it would be right to take up the matter again with a view to a decision towards the end of next year."

£50,000 GIFT TO TOWN

It was announced at the Nelson Town Council that a gift of £50,000 had been made to the town for charitable and public purposes. The name of the donor would be made known later.

MISS MELVILLE HAPPY AGAIN

Snowed Under With Stage Offers

GOOD TO BE SOLVENT!

In the hall where, at the age of sixteen, Winnie Melville won a singing competition and a job at £2 10s. a week, she has staged a come-back that is to put her on her feet, after four years of poverty-stricken obscurity, and pay her bankruptcy creditors in full.

"Since my appearance at the Pier Pavilion, Worthing, the first for more than four years, I have been snowed under with offers for further stage appearances," she said last month.

"The offers have come from all over the country, the West End, and even America."

"On the spur of the moment, I decided to accept the American engagement and booked a passage in the Queen Mary for last Wednesday. But then I decided that I would rather come back in my own country, where once I was earning £350 a week."

"Over For Good" Miss Melville was so overcome by the reception given her at Worthing that it was rumoured she had collapsed again and would have to rest.

"It was only momentary," she said. "After all, the occasion was one in which it was difficult to hold emotions in check. Now I am all set to sign contracts that will enable me to pay my creditors. Not all at once, of course. It will take time."

"It will be so good to be solvent and successful again, after the years of nightmare and poverty. I'm the happiest woman in the world now."

"No, even if I do go to America again, I don't suppose I shall see my husband, Derek Oldham. All that is over for good."

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are notified in the *Government Gazette*:

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, to be chairman of the Licensing Board for a period of three years, as from November 26, 1936.

Mr. W. M. Thomson to be Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, as from December 14.

Mr. W. J. Carrie to be Senior Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Collector of Stamp Duty, as from December 15.

Mr. J. S. MacLaren to be Deputy Estate Duty Commissioner and Assistant Treasurer, as from December 16.

Miss Olive Susanna Jeffery, to be Nursing Sister, as from November 26.

FIRE HERO

Almost overcome by smoke, James Powell, 17, a junior clerk, struggled down two flights of stairs in a Leeds office to warn his colleagues of fire. He then collapsed, and was detained in hospital.

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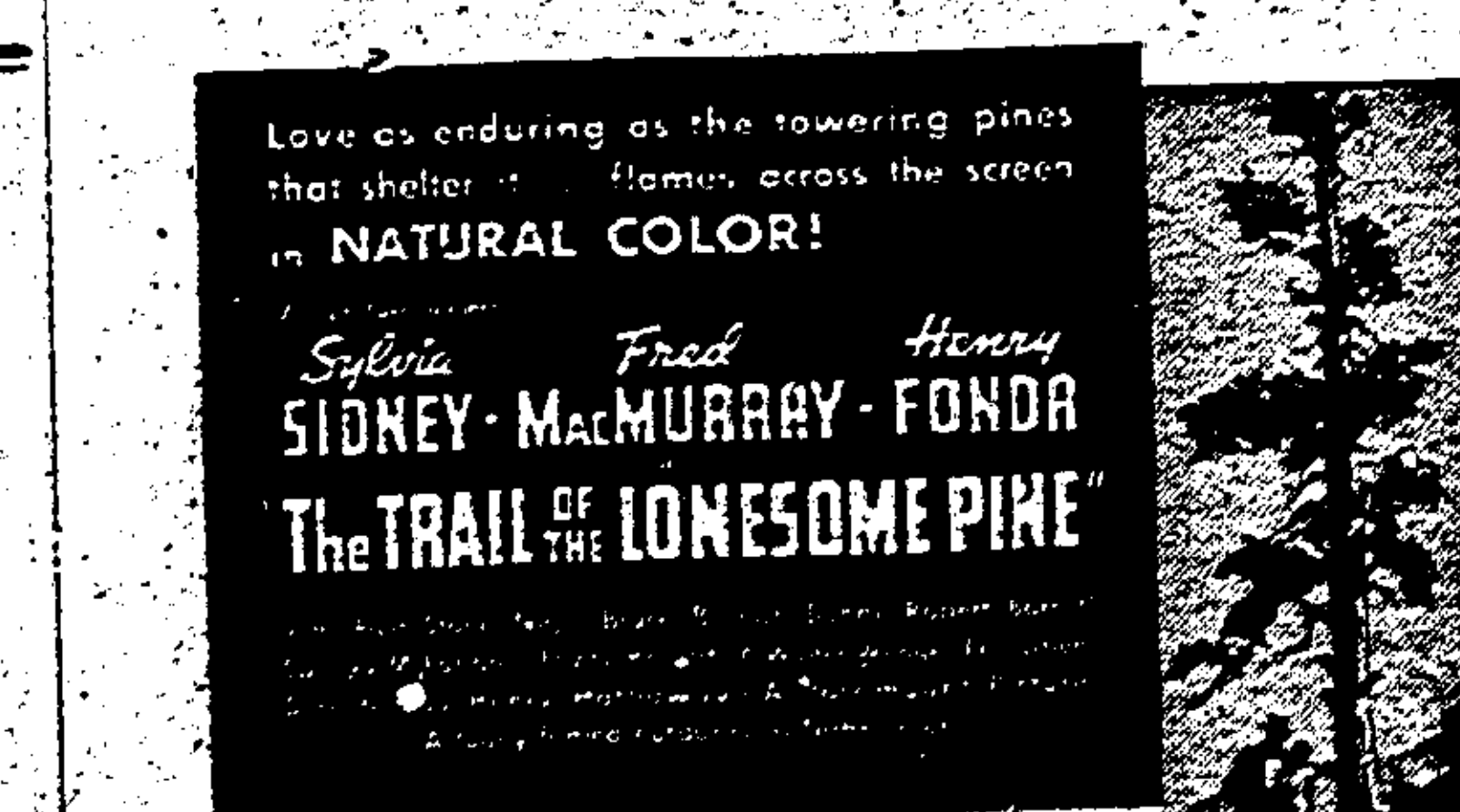


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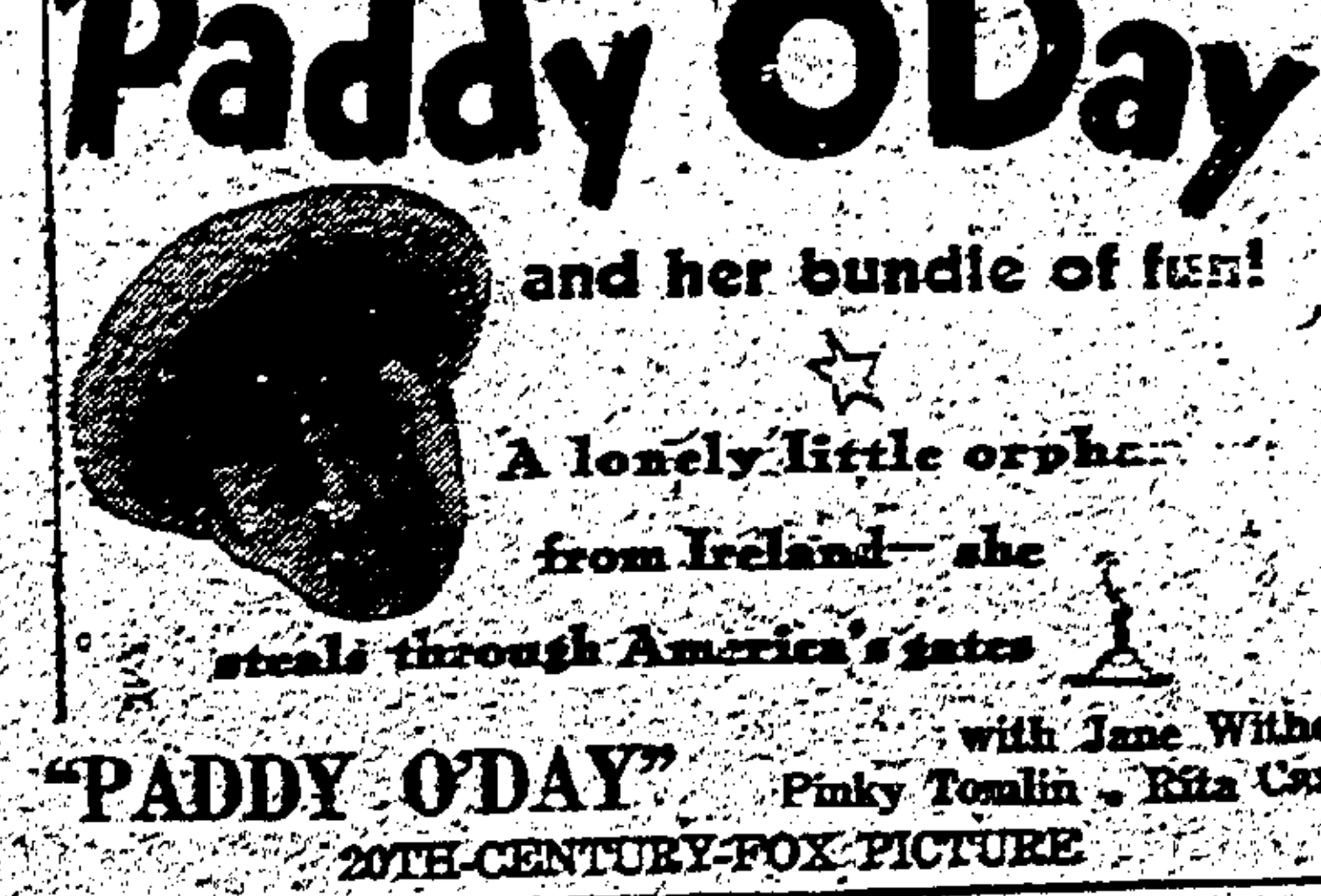


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